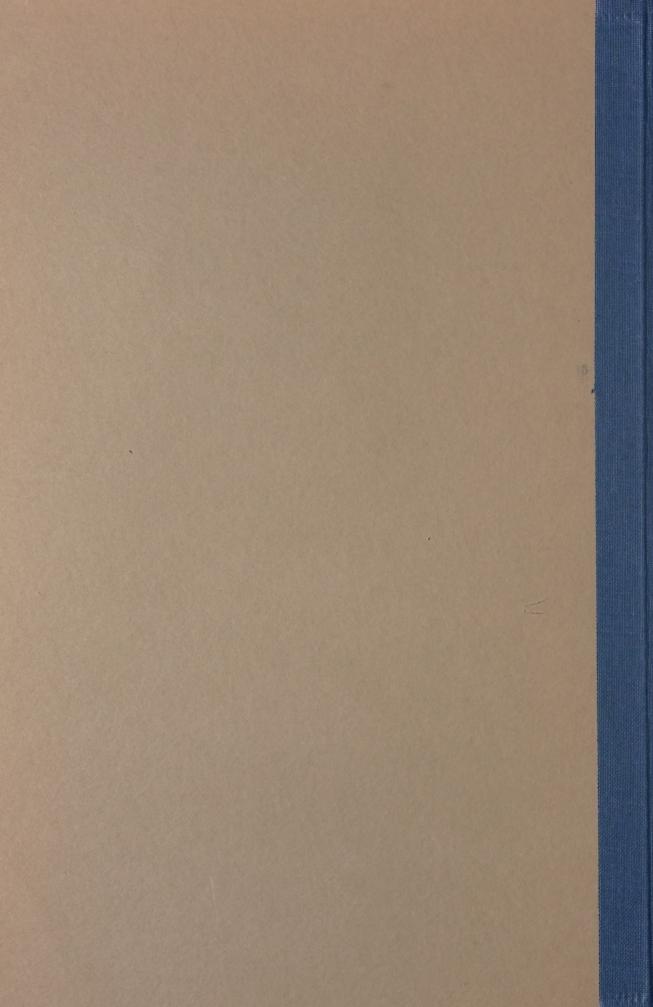


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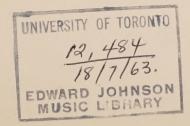
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#### **PREFACE**

THIS present collection of Folk-songs comprises most of the themes beloved of Folk-song singers. The delights of being a plough boy, the perils of the highway, when Gentlemen of the Road took toll, (and were sometimes outwitted,) the rustic love, the dangers of the seas, were things to talk about and to put into rude verse. The folk-song had its limitations, and confined itself solely to events and sentiments which were within the scope of the singer's thought and experience. Frequently, the verse was so rude and unpolished as to be faulty in metre and in rhyme. In these cases I have ventured to carefully amend glaring instances, and here and there to shorten ballads which, now-a-days, are too long for singing. In addition to these revisions I have completed a few imperfect songs, imperfect through the faulty memory of the singer, but this has been done carefully and in full sympathy with the original.

The tunes have been noted down from the lips of old men and women, most of whom have long since passed away, for the bulk of the collection was made thirty years ago.

I have to thank my old friend, Mr. Charles Lolley, of Leeds, for his kind assistance so readily given. Also my correspondent, Mr. T. C. Smith, of Scarborough; and I am indebted to Mr. Clarke, of Wortley, for the tune of "The Pretty Ploughboy."

FRANK KIDSON

#### **FOREWORD**

WRITING more than two centuries ago the cultured Mr. Addison tells us in the character of Mr. Spectator:—

"When I travelled I took a particular delight in hearing the songs and fables that are come down from father to son, and are most in vogue among the common people of the countries through which I passed; for it is impossible that anything be universally tasted and approved of by a multitude, though they are only the rabble of the nation, which hath not in it some peculiar aptness to please and gratify the mind of man." (Spectator No. 70.)

He further says :-

"An ordinary song or ballad that is the delight of the common people, cannot fail to please all such readers as are not unqualified for the entertainment by their affectation or ignorance."

If needed, this is sufficient authority to give traditional folk-song a place for consideration among English literature and music. But, both before and after Addison's statement, writers have not failed to show their appreciation of the songs of the common people.

Strange it is that folk-song and folk-melody ran, until recent years, as an obscure stream ignored by the musician, who is now quick to recognise its merits and value.

The beautful melodies which have come down to us from the memories of old men and women, have in them the essentials of pure English melody, purer than any other music we possess; a melody unaffected by fashion or the influence of the music of any other nation. In the course of our musical history we have accepted the Italian, the French and the German standards, but our folk-melody has remained pure and unbiassed by any but its own formula. It has, therefore, for many reasons, great claims upon our consideration.

One of the first to see the beauty and quaintness of the English country song was the Rev. John Broadwood, Squire of Lyne, on the borders of Surrey and Sussex. In 1843 he published anonymously a folio collection of sixteen of the folk-songs sung in his neighbourhood, drawing attention to the fact that they were "specimens of genuine old English Melody." Miss Lucy E. Broadwood, many years later, continued his work in the same field, and no words can sufficiently indicate the value of her untiring labour in the world of folk-song.

In 1889 Mr. Baring-Gould, through a chance remark at a dinner table, commenced to collect the folk-songs of Cornwall and Devon, and he published the result in his "Songs of the West" (1899-1891).

In 1891 I published "Traditional Tunes," the outcome of my collecting in Yorkshire and the Scottish border. The late Dr. W. A. Barrett issued his collection in or about the same year, and Miss L. E. Broadwood, with Mr. J. A. Fuller Maitland, published "English County Songs" in 1893.

These were the pioneers of the English folk-song movement and, by the influence of Miss Broadwood, Mr. Fuller Maitland, and myself, the Folk-song Society was formed in 1898. This Society has published a great quantity of folk-songs, collected by its Members in various parts of England, and is still in a very flourishing condition.

The collecting of folk-songs is not an easy task. One comes across an old fellow who has, one feels sure, a wealth of folk-songs in his memory, but who, from stupidity, will only give voice to some bygone favourite comic song of fifty years ago that was the joy of his boyhood days. Or perhaps, he will fall shy or stupid, and nothing can be got out of him. Or we find a lady, equally inviting, whose shyness makes her "talk" the tune instead of singing it, and it is only by dint of catching the fragments of melody, by endless repetition, that the air can be elicited as a whole.

I remember once walking some miles and spending a small fortune in beer at a moorland ale house in the hopes of getting some folk-songs. The rustics silently inbibed the beer, and I went away songless, after several hours of expectancy.

But there are brighter sides to the pursuit, and one joyfully comes across a singer full of good old songs, ready to help one and in sympathy with one's quest. I recall an old charwoman, who as a girl had lived at Knaresborough in Yorkshire, who was provided with many delightful folksongs. She had a good voice and I obtained some excellent material from her singing.

One point about folk-song we must notice. The same ballad or song is found united to many different airs, and no two singers give it the same melody. For example, the ballad of "Lord Bateman" is universally known, yet, although it has been collected probably thirty or forty times, in no instance is one tune like another; and so with other folk-songs. This is explained by the fact that as folk-melody is unwritten there can be no standard, and each district invents its own tune. This variation of the tune is due either to the whim of the singer, or to imperfect knowledge.

The quality that is most noticeable in folk song is its earnestness. If a folk-song singer sings of the joys of being a ploughboy he *really* thinks there is no life that equals it, and throughout all folk-songs the same sincerity applies. A professional song-writer may sing of roses or of "old fashioned Mothers," or of any other theme that is popular, but it is quite evident that he is not voicing his personal feeling but merely striving to catch a favourable hearing.

The invention of folk-song, alas, is dead. The conditions of life are changed, and the country places are no longer detached from the influence of Town and City life. There are no remote villages in England since the motor came, and rustics have entered into the life of the country at large. Soon their fathers' and their grandfathers' songs will be entirely forgotten, and we must thank those people who have rescued so many beautiful folk-songs from oblivion, and given them a permanent place in their admirable collections.

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## Seventeen come Sunday



As I walked out one May morning,
One May morning so early,
I overtook a bonnie lass,
And she was singing clearly.
With my fal la lal, fal la lal
Fal lal lal lal la.

Oh, stockings white and shoes black bright, Her buckles shone like silver, She had a dark and rolling eye, And her hair was on her shoulder. With my fal.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid, Where are you going my honey?" She answered me right saucily, "An errand for my mammy!" With my fal.

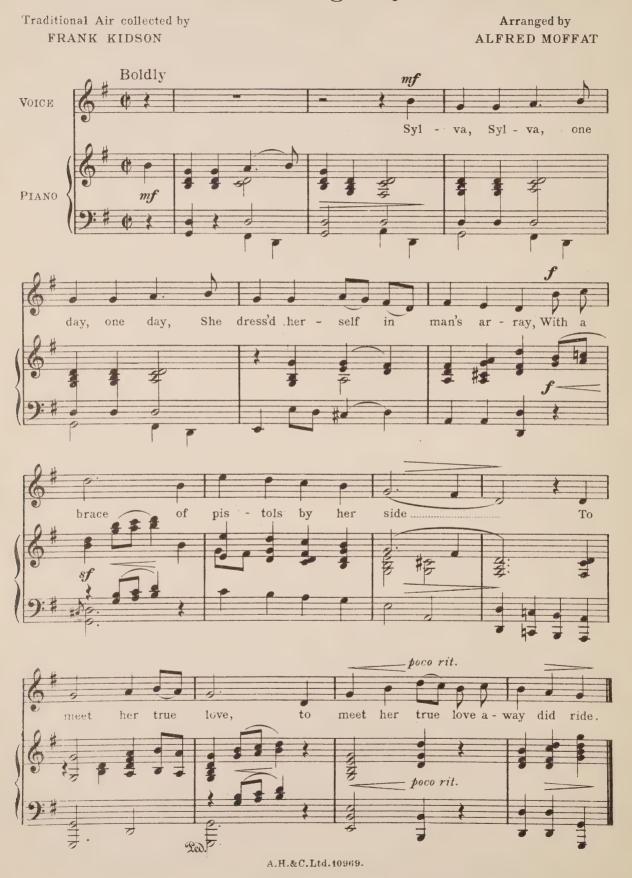
"How old are you, my bonnie lass, How old are you my honey?"
She answered me right cheerfully,
"I'm seventeen come Sunday."
With my fal.

I next went to her mammy's house
To woo her most sincerely,
And she came tripping down the stair
To welcome me most cheerly.
With my fal.

"Oh, lassie, will you marry me? It must be now or never." She flung herself into my arms And said, "I'll love for ever." With my fal.

"For I'll go with my soldier lad,
The drum and fife delight me,
I'll march with him throughout the War,
There's nothing there shall fright me."
With my fal.

## The Female Highwayman



Sylva, Sylva, one day, one day, She dressed herself in man's array, With a brace of pistols by her side, To meet her true love, to meet her true love, away did ride.

As she rode out the self same day,
She met her love and bade him stay,
"Stand and deliver, sir, she said,
"Or if you don't, or if you don't, I'll shoot you dead."

When she had robbed him of his store, She said, "Kind sir, there's one thing more, A diamond ring is on your hand, Pray give it me, pray give it me, at my demand."

"The ring" he said" I will not part,
A token'tis from my sweetheart."
"If such it is then keep it pray."
And she content, and she content, then rode away.

Next morning in the garden green,
Just like two lovers they were seen.
His watch he saw hung from her clothes,
Which made him blush, which made him blush, like any rose.

"What makes you blush, you silly thing,
I thought to have your diamond ring,
'Tis I that robbed you on the plain,
So take your gold, so take your gold, and watch again."

"I robbed you for I wished to know,

If you my true love was or no,

So now I have contented mind,

My heart and hand, my heart and hand, is always thine".

NOTE. Sylva is a contraction of Sylvia.

## The Grey Mare

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Young Roger the miller he courted of late, A farmer's gay daughter called beautiful Kate, She had to her fortune five hundred pounds, Besides handsome jewels and many fine gowns, She had to her portion both jewels and rings, She had to her fortune a many fine things.

The glittering money, and beauty likewise, Did tickle his fancy and dazzle his eyes, Which caused young Roger to tell his mind, And unto his lover be constant and kind, That no other woman should ere be his bride, "For thou art my jewel, my jewel and pride."

The wedding made ready, the money put down, A very fine portion, five hundred pounds, "If e'en nothing further shall fall to my share, I'll not have your daughter without the grey mare. The money is handsome but still to my share If I marry your daughter I will have the grey mare."

The farmer made answer unto him with speed, "I thought you'd have married my daughter indeed, But as it so happens my daughter's no worse, The money again shall go into my purse, But as it is so, I solemnly swear, You'll not have my daughter nor yet the grey mare."

Then Roger, that rascal, was turned out of door, And bid to begone and come there no more, Then Roger he tore his locks of long hair, And he wished he'd never staid for the grey mare. Then Roger he tore at his locks of long hair, And wished he had never staid for the grey mare.

In six month hereafter, or something above, He chanced for to meet with sweet Kitty his love, Then smiling, said Roger, "Why don't you know me?" "If I'm not mistaken, I've seen you," said she, "Or one very like you with long yellow hair, Did once come a courting my father's grey mare".

Then smiling, said Roger, "You are much to blame, For it was unto you that a-courting I came, I thought your old father would make no dispute, In giving his daughter and grey mare to boot, But now he has lost a most dutiful son, And I'm very sorry for what I have done."

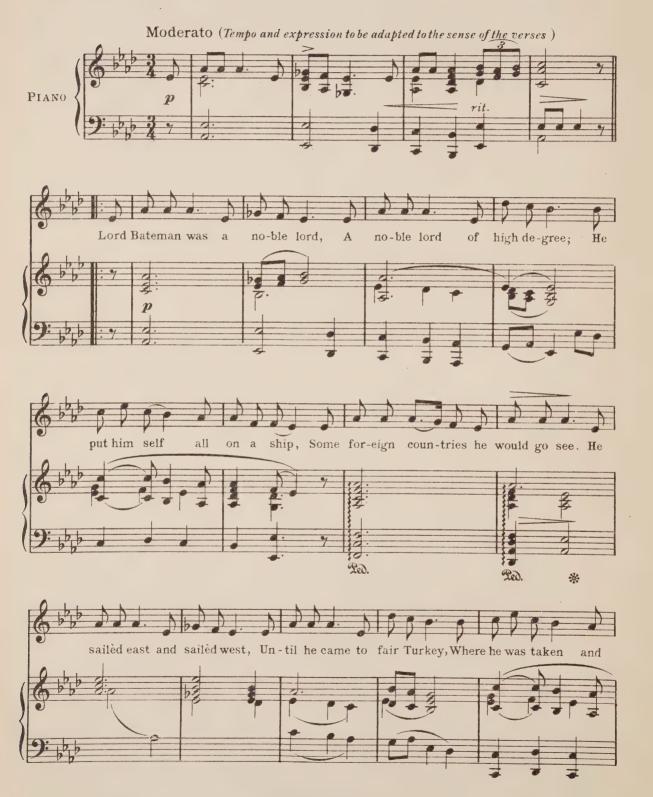
"Oh! as to thy sorrows I value them not,
There's plenty of men in this world to be got,
There's not many young men when at the last fair,
Does marry a wife for the sake of a mare,
The price of a mare is not very great
So fare thee well, Roger, go, man, to thy fate!"

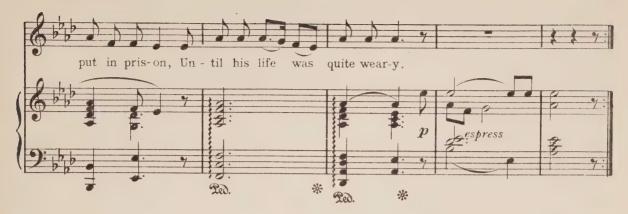
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## Lord Bateman

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Lord Bateman was a noble lord, A noble lord of high degree, He put himself all on a ship, Some foreign countries he would go see.

He sailed east he sailed west, Until he came to proud Turkey, Where he was taken and put in prison, Until his life was most dreary.

And in this prison there grew a tree, It grew so stout, it grew so strong, Where he was chained by the middle, Until his life was almost gone.

An only daughter had the Turk, The fairest creature my eyes did see, She stole the keys of her father's prison, And swore Lord Bateman she would set free!

"O I've got houses, I've got lands, Northumberland belongs to me, I'll give it all to the fair young lady, That out of prison would set me free."

She took him to her father's house And gave to him the best of wine, And every health she drank unto him "I wish, Lord Bateman, that you were mine'."

"For seven years I'll make a vow, For seven years, and keep it strong, If you will wed no other woman, Then I will wed no other man."

She took him to her father's harbour And gave to him a ship of fame, "Farewell, farewell, my dear Lord Bateman, I fear I shall ne'er see you again'."

Now, seven years were gone and past, And fourteen days well known to me, She packed up her gay clothing, And then Lord Bateman she would go see.

She came then to Lord Bateman's castle So boldly now she rang the bell; "Who's there now?" cried the young porter, "Who's there - now come unto me quick tell?" "Oh, is this Lord Bateman's castle, And is his Lordship here within?" "Oh yes, oh yes," the porter cried, "He's just now taking his young bride in."

"Tell him to send a slice of bread, A bottle of the best of wine, And not forgetting the fair young lady That did release him when close confined."

Away went that proud young porter, Away, away, away went he, Until he came to Lord Bateman's door, Down on his bended knees fell he.

"What news, what news, my young porter, What news have you brought unto me?" "There is the fairest of all young ladies, That ever my two eyes did see?"

"On every finger she has a ring, On one of them she has got three, And such gay gold around her middle, That would buy Northumberland for thee".

"From you she wants a slice of bread, A bottle of the best of wine, And not forgetting the fair young, That did release you when close confined."

Lord Bateman then in anger flew, And broke his sword in splinters three, "I will give all my father's richers, If that Sophia has crossed the sea?"

Then up spoke this bride's young mother, Who ne'er was heard to speak so free, "You'll not forget my only daughter, If this Sophia has crossed the sea?"

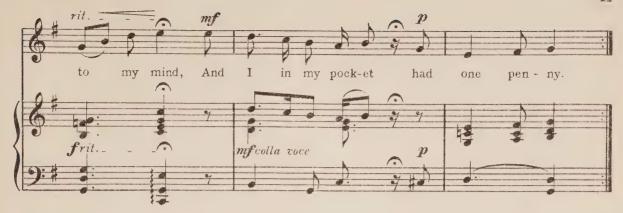
"I own your daughter is my bride, The better nor the worse for me, She came to me with a horse and saddle, She may go home in a coach and three."

He then prepared another marriage With both their hearts so full of glee. "I'll range no more in foreign countries Now since Sophia has crossed the sea."

# As I was travelling the North Countrie

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As I was a-travelling the North Country, A-seeking for good company, Good company I always could find, But none was pleasing to my mind, Yes, to my mind, yes, to my mind, And I in my pocket had one penny.

I saddled my horse and away I did ride, I came to an alehouse by the road side, I called for a pot of ale that was brown, And then alongside I sat myself down, I sat myself down, And I in my pocket had one penny.

Three gentlemen there were playing the dice,
They thought I was simple and not over wise,
They thought I looked foolish and cheated could be,
They did not know then I'd but one penny,
But one penny, but one penny,
I had in my pocket but one penny.

I took up the box and made the dice spin,
It was my good fortune that time for to win,
If they had been winners then I had been worse,
For I'd but to give my old empty purse,
My old empty purse, my old empty purse.
For I in my pocket had one penny.

I tarried all night and half the next day,
I thought it was time to be jogging away,
"The reckoning, pray, landlady, give it to me,"
"You hearty young fellow I'll let you go free,"
I'll let you go free, I'll let you go free,"
I'd won twenty guineas with my penny.

## Young Riley the Fisherman

Traditional Air collected by Arranged by FRANK KIDSON ALFRED MOFFAT Moderato ing Down by went out one maid com - plain -The bit the maid - en did say, My

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Ded.



As I roved out one morning down by the river side, I heard a maid complaining and bitterly she cried, The cold is very bitter the maiden then did say, My love is on the ocean bound for America.

John Riley is my true love he lives down by the quay, He is a handsome young man as e'er my eyes did see. My father he has riches and Riley he is poor Because I loved my sailor lad he could not me endure.

My mother then did call me and this to me did say, "If you are fond of Riley you must leave the country." "Don't be severe, dear mother, for there I send my love, My very heart is beating as constant as the dove."

"I'm not severe, dear daughter, here is one thousand pound, To America send Riley to purchase you some ground, This very night to kill him, thy father's charged his gun." So when she'd got the money to Riley she did run.

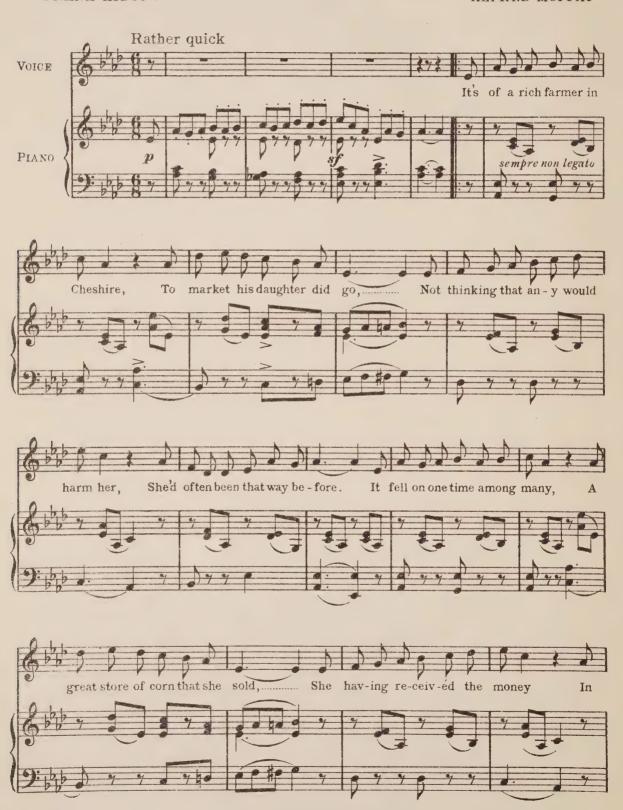
When Riley got the money, next day he sailed away, And when he'd got on ship board, these words he then did say, "Here is of love a token, we'll break it into two". "You have my heart young Riley until I come to you."

It was twelve months and after, she was walking by the sea, When back again came Riley and took his love away. The ship was wrecked and all were lost, the father grieved sore, Young Riley and his daughter were dead upon the shore.

## The Highwayman Outwitted

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It's of a rich farmer in Cheshire, To market his daughter did go, Not thinking that any would harm her, She'd often been that way before.

It fell on one time among many, A great store of corn that she sold, She having received the money, In shillings and guineas of gold.

She then rode a little way further, But dreading some danger to find, She sewed it all up in her saddle, Which was with good leather all lined.

She riding a little way further, She met a thief on the highway, A highwayman very well mounted, Who soon did oblige her to stay.

Three blows then he presently gave her, A pistol he held to her breast, "Your money this moment deliver, Or else you shall die, I protest."

This maiden was sorely affrighted, And so was poor Dobbin the steed, When off from his back she alighted He quickly ran home with great speed.

This damsel he nearly stripped naked, And gave her some sorrowful blows, Saying, "Girl, you must patiently take it, I'll have both your money and clothes?"

The thief up his bundle was making, His horse he obliged her to hold, The poor girl stood trembling and shaking For she was near perished with cold. The girl while she held fast the bridle, Was beginning to be less afraid, Said she, It's in vain to be idle, I'll show you the trick of a maid."

Then up on the saddle she mounted, Just as if she had been a young man, As while on the money he counted, "Pray follow me, sir, if you can."

The rogue he flew into a passion, He cursed her, he swears, and he blows, At length his words were "Halloo, Stay, girl, I will give you your clothes."

She says "That is not so much matter, You may keep them, kind sir, if you please." He ran but he could not get at her, His boots they so hampered his knees.

She rode over hedges and ditches, The way home she knew very well, She left him a parcel of farthings, The sum of five shillings to tell.

This maiden was sorely benighted, From seven till twelve of the clock, Her father was sorely affrighted, To see her come stripped to her smock.

Oh, daughter the matter come tell me, And why have you tarried so long, She says "Some hard fortune befell me, But I have received no wrong."

They ended their sorrow with laughter When in his portmanteau they found In a bundle a great sum of money, In all about eight hundred pounds.

There are several ballads amongst folk-songs showing how a Highwayman was outwitted. The "Yorkshire Farmer" in the present collection is one.





A wealthy young squire of Tamworth, we hear, He courted a nobleman's daughter so fair; And for to quickly marry her it was his intent, All friends and relations had given their consent.

The time was appointed for the wedding day, A young farmer chosen to give her away, As soon as the farmer the young lady did spy He inflamed her heart, "O, my heart," she did cry.

She turned from the squire, but nothing she said, Instead of being married she took to her bed, The thought of the farmer still ran in her mind, A way for to have him she quickly did find.

Coat waistcoat and breeches she then did put on, And a hunting she went with her dog and her gun, She hunted all round where the farmer did dwell, Because in her heart she did love him full well.

She oftentimes fired, but nothing she killed, At length the young farmer came into the field, And to discourse with him it was her intent, With her dog and her gun to meet him she went.

"I thought you had been at the wedding," she cried,
"To wait on the squire, and give him his bride;"
"No sir," said the farmer, "if the truth I may tell,
I'll not give her away, for I love her too well."

It pleased the lady to find him so bold, She gave him a glove that was flowered with gold, And told him she found it when coming along, As she was a hunting with her dog and her gun.

The lady went home with her heart full of love, And gave out a notice that she'd lost a glove, And said, "Who has found it and brings it to me, Whoever he is, he my husband shall be!"

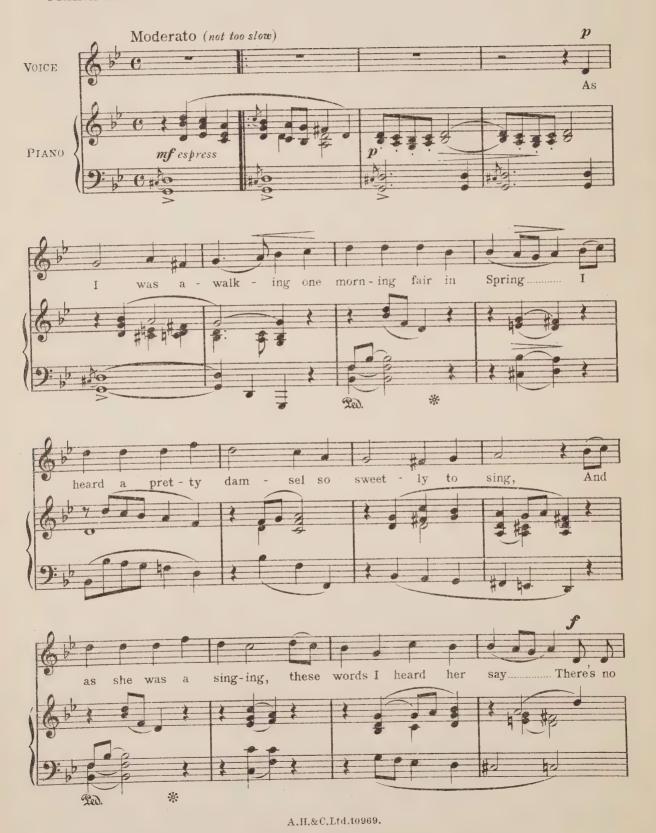
The farmer was pleased when he heard of the news, With heart full of joy to the lady he goes, "Dear honoured lady, I've picked up your glove, And hope you'll be pleased to grant me your love."

"It's already granted, I will be your bride,
I love the sweet breath of a farmer," she cried,
"I'll be mistress of my dairy, and milking my cow,
While my jolly brisk farmer is whistling at plough."

## The Pretty Ploughboy

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As I was a walking one morning fair in spring,
I heard a pretty damsel so sweetly to sing,
And as she was a-singing these words I heard her say,
There's no life like the ploughboy's in the sweet month of May.

There's the lark in the morning she rises from her nest, And she mounts the white air with dew on her breast, And like the pretty ploughboy she'll whistle and she'll sing, And at night she will return to her nest back again.

When the day's work is over that he has got to do, Perhaps to some wake or country fair he'll go, And with his sweetheart he'll dance and he'll sing, And at night he'll return to his own home again.

Good luck to each ploughboy where ever he may be, He'll take a pretty girl to sit on his knee, With a jug of ale beside him he'll whistle and he'll sing, For a ploughboy is as happy as a prince or as a king.

## The Dover Sailor



It's of a brisk young sailor boy, from Dover town he came, He courted pretty Sally, pretty Sally was her name, But she be being lofty, and her portion it being high, That she upon a sailor would scarcely cast an eye.

"O, Sally, fairest maiden, O Sally false," says he,
"I fear that your cold heart my downfall it will be,
Unless your present hatred will turn into true love,
You've made me broken-hearted, my ruin it will prove."

"O Sally, dearest Sally, I swear that I'll prove true,
If I may be your lover, I'm sure you'll never rue,
But if your heart is cold love, broken-hearted I shall be,
I have nothing else to live for, and so I'll die you'll see,"

I do not love a sailor boy nor any other man, So keep your heart in comfort, forget me if you can; As I am now a maiden, then a maiden still I'll be, So get another sweetheart to love instead of me."

But when a year was over, when twelve months they were past, This pretty maid was pining for her sailor boy at last, Entangled she was in her love, and that she knew not why, Sent quickly for the sailor whom at first she did deny.

"O am I now a doctor man that you have sent for me, Or am I the young sailor that you would wish to see?" "O yes you are the doctor and you can kill or cure, The pain that I do feel, my love, I scarcely can endure."

"O Sally, falsest Sally, O Sally" then said he.

"Pray don't you well remember that you have slighted me,
How you have slighted me, my love, and treated me with scorn,
But now I will reward you for all that you have done.

She took rings from her fingers small by one and two and three, Saying Here my dearest Billy, in remembrance of me, In memory of me my love, when I am dead and gone, Perhaps you may be sorry for all that you have done."

#### Poor Old Horse

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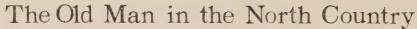


Oh when I was a young horse,
All in my youthful prime,
My master used to ride on me,
He thought me very fine.
But now that I'm grown old,
And nature does decay,
My master frowns upon me,
And this I hear him say,
"Poor old horse, poor old horse."

My clothing then was once
Of the shining superfine,
Then I stood in the stable yard,
And did in glory shine,
But now that I'm grown old,
And nature does decay,
My master frowns upon me,
And this I hear him say,
"Poor old horse, poor old horse."

Oh, once when I was fed
On the best of corn and hay,
That grew in pleasant pastures,
Or in the meadows gay,
But now that I'm grown old,
And scarcely I can crawl,
I'm forced to eat the grasses
That grow against the wall,
Poor old horse, poor old horse.

My hide unto the tanner,
Most freely I will give,
My body to the hounds also,
I'd rather die than live,
And as for my old bones;
They've carried many miles,
O'er hedges and o'er ditches,
And over gates and stiles,
Poor old horse, poor old horse.





There was an old man in the North Country, Low down derry down dee, There was an old man in the North Country, Valid we ought to be, There was an old man in the North Country, He had daughters, one, two, three. I'll be true to my love if my love will be true to me

There came a young man to the North Country,
Low down derry down dee,
There came a young man to the North Country,
Valid we ought to be.
There came a young man to the North Country,
He came to court the younger dame,
Then I'll be true to my love if my love will be true to me.

He bought the younger a beaver hat,
Low down derry down dee,
He bought the younger a beaver hat,
Valid we ought to be.
He bought the younger a beaver hat,
The elder one was not pleased at that,
Then I'll be true to my love if my love will be true to me.

He bought the younger a gay gold ring,
Low down derry down dee,
He bought the younger a gay gold ring,
Valid we ought to be.
He bought the younger a gay gold ring,
The elder not being pleased at him,
Then I'll be true to my love if my love will be true to me.

"Oh sister let's go to the water brim,
Low down derry down dee.
Oh sister let's go to the water brim,"
Valid we ought to be.
Away they went to the water brim,
The elder pushed the younger in,
I'll be true to my love if my love will be true to me

Away she floated, away she swam,
Low down derry down dee,
Away she floated, away she swam,
Valid we ought to be.
Until she came to the merry mill dam,
She looked so pale and looked so wan,
Then I'll be true to my love if my love will be true to me.

The miller's daughter stood at the door,
Low down derry down dee,
The miller's daughter stood at the door,
Valid we ought to be,
She saw this maiden came to shore,
With all the jewels that she wore
Then I'll be true to my love if my love will be true to me.

"O Father, O father what's in the mill dam,"
Low down derry down dee,
"O father, O father, whats in the mill dam,"
Valid we ought to be.
"A fish, a fish and a new 'britan',
Or else it is a snow white swan,"
Then I'll be true to my love if my love will be true to me.

Go fetch me out my fishing hook,
Low down derry down dee,
Go fetch me out my fishing hook,
Valid we ought to be.
I'll draw the maiden from the brook,
If I but catch her with my crook,
Then I'll be true to my love if my love will be true to me.

#### The Cruel Sister

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There were two sisters sat in a bower, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, There came a knight to be their wooer, And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

He courted the elder with glove and rings, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, But he loved the younger above all things, And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

He courted the elder with brooch and knife, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, But he loved the younger above his life. And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

The elder she was vexed sair, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, And sore she envied her sister fair. And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

The elder said to the younger one, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, "Let's go and see our father's ships come in." And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

She's ta'en her by the lily white hand, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, And led her down to the river strand. And the swan swims so bonny oh,

The younger stood upon a stone, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, The elder came and pushed her in. And the swan swims so bonny, oh, "Oh sister, sister, reach me your hand, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, And you shall be heir of all my land." And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

Sometimes she sank, sometimes she swam, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, Until she came to the Miller's dam. And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

The Miller's daughter being dressed in red, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, She went for some water to bake her bread. And the swan swims so bonny oh,

"Oh father, father, draw your dam,
Hey Ho, my Nannie oh,
There's either a mermaid or a white swan."
And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

The Miller hastened and drew his dam. Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, And there he found a drowned woman. And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

You could not see her yellow hair, Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, For gold and pearls that were so rare. And the swan swims so bonny oh,

You could not see her middle sma' Hey Ho, my Nannie oh, Her golden girdle was sae braw. And the swan swims so bonny, oh,

This popular and lengthy ballad is here shortened for want of space, and the present text will be found more suitable for singing purposes than the whole extensive ballad.

Another version of the ballad is "The old man in the North Country" in this collection.

# When Joan's ale was new





There was a jovial tinker,

A mighty good ale drinker,

From such he was no shrinker,

Believe me this is true.

He called for a tankard of nappy ale,

From honest home brewed he d never quail,

To drink a full gallon he would not fail,

When Joan's ale was new.

There came in next a dyer,
Who sat him by the fire,
To drink was his desire,
And join the jovial crew.
He told the landlord to his face,
The chimney nook should be his place,
And there he'd sit and dye his face,
When Joan's ale was new.

There came in next a soldier, With musket on his shoulder, Sure no one could be bolder,

To join the jovial crew.

He swore he'd fight for England's crown,
Before the nation should go down,
The health's he'd drink of all around
When Joan's ale was new.

There came in next a sailor,
Who said he was no tailor,
He'd come home from a whaler,
To join the jovial crew.
He flung his hat upon the floor,
And swore that he'd drink more and more,
And then for all he'd pay the score,
When Joan's ale was new.

## Fair Margaret and Sweet William





There sat two lovers side by side,

Set on you high high hill,

They sat together for a long summers eve,

And they could not talk their fill.

Fair Margaret sat in her bedroom
A-combing out her hair,
When she did spy her own true love
Riding by with a lady fair.

Then she laid down her ivory comb, Her hair she let it fall, She wept to think her own true love Should prove false after all.

She had a penknife in her hand

And it was long and sharp,

Then she made no more use of it,

But stabbed it to her heart.

The day being spent and night come on When all was fast asleep,

Fair Margaret's ghost appeared to him,

And stood at his bed feet.

"Are you awake, Sweet William," she said,
"Or are you fast asleep?
God give you joy of your gay bride bed,
And me of my winding sheet."

"I dreamed a dream, my bride"he said,
Such dreams are never good,
I dreamed my bower was full of red wine,
My bride bed full of blood.

He then called up his merry men
By one, by two, by three,
Saying, I will away to Margaret's bower,
By the leave of my ladie.

Then he turned up the covering sheet,
Pray let me see the dead,
Methinks she looks all pale and wan,
And lost her cherry red.

I'll do more for thee Margaret,
Than any of thy kin,
And I will kiss thy pale wan lips,
Though a smile I cannot win.

Deal on, deal on, my merry men,

Deal on your cake and wine,

For what is dealt at her funeral to-day

Shall be dealt to-morrow at mine:

Fair Margaret died to-day, to-day,
Sweet William died to-morrow,
Fair Margaret died for pure true love,
Sweet William died for sorrow.

This is a traditional version of a ballad to be found in Percy's "Reliques of Ancient English Poetry" having some additions from the printed source. The traditional version comes from Knaresborough in Yorkshire.

"Deal on, deal on, my merry men" alludes to the practice of giving a dole at funerals.

### Jack the Sailor

Traditional Air collected by Arranged by FRANK KIDSON ALFRED MOFFAT Moderato there be-held a poco rit. true love is come a-shore, He's the on - ly lad I a tempo

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As I walked out one morning fair,
One morning as I was a-walking,
I there beheld a lady fair
All with her father talking.
She said, "My true love is come ashore,
He's the only lad I do adore,
And I will go aboard to-day
To meet my handsome sailor."

"Here are five hundred guineas bright,
Five hundred more I'll give you,
But if you wed against my will
One farthing not I'll leave you.
Besides, my dear, you are too young,
And sailors have a flattering tongue
So quit my presence and begone
If you wed Jack the sailor."

Then up came Jack the roving tar,
"Where is my lovely Nancy?
I am now safe returned to thee,
My heart's delight and fancy."
Five hundred guineas in bright gold
Upon the table down he told,
And swept them in her apron fold,
"Take that from Jack the sailor."

The father he stood in amaze

To see bold Jack so clever,
"Well done, my hearty sailor boy!

Ad zooks, but you shall have her.
As you have parted with your store

And you each other do adore,
My daughter shall have three times more

To wed with Jack the sailor."

# The Bold "Princess Royal"

Traditional Air collected by Arranged by ALFRED MOFFAT FRANK KIDSON On the fourth day of Red. Aug - ust Roy-al," bound for New-found - land; We had And ship's com - pa bold - ly from the east - ward

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On the fourth day of August we sailed from the land In the bold "Princess Royal" bound for Newfoundland; We had forty bright seamen for a ship's company, And boldly from the eastward to the westward bore we.

We had not been sailing past days two or three When a man from the masthead a sail he did see; She bore down upon us a favouring wind blew, While under her mizen black colours she flew.

"Good Lord," cried the Captain, "what shall we do now? Here comes a bold pirate to rob us I know."
"Oh no," cried the Chief Mate, "that ne'er shall be so, We'll shake out a reef, boys, and from her will go."

"Come bear up your courses and heave your ship to, For I have a letter to send home by you. I'll hold up my courses and heave my ship to, But it shall be in some harbour and not 'longside you."

We hoisted up topsails and every sail too, Our topsails and royals and from her we flew; She fired shots to us but could not prevail For the bold "Princess Royal" soon showed them her tail.

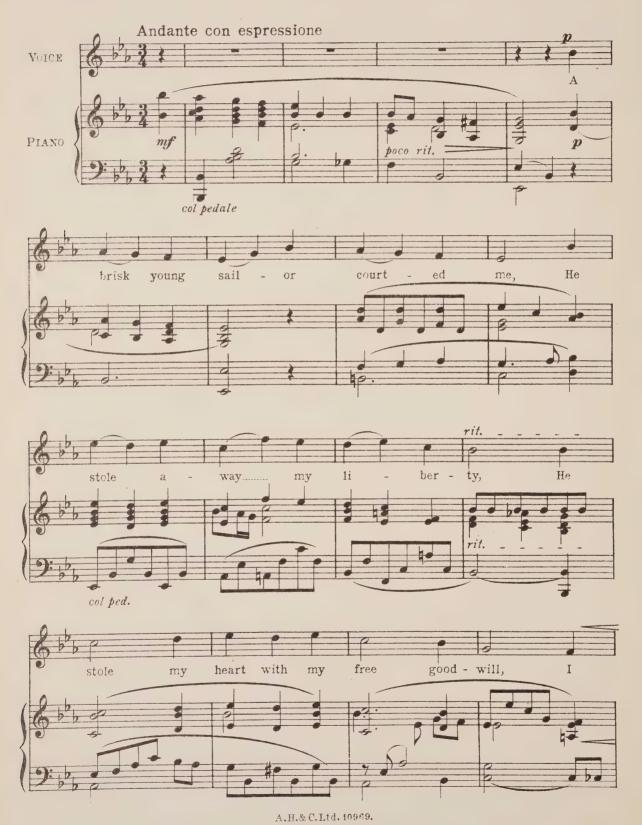
She chased us to windward for all that long day, She chased us to windward but could make no way; For shots she sent frequent to make us to stay, But she hauled up her mainsail and then bore away.

"Thank God," said the Captain, "the pirate is gone, Go down to your grog, boys, go down every one; Go down to your grog, boys, and be of good cheer, The pirate has vanished so now have no fear."

# A brisk young sailor courted me

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A brisk young sailor courted me,

He stole away my liberty,

He stole my heart with my free good-will,

I must confess I love him still.

There is an ale house in this town,

Where my love goes and sits him down,

He takes another girl on his knee,

Oh is not that a grief to me?

Oh, once I had no cause for woe,

My love followed me through frost and snow,
But ah, the changes time does bring,

My love passes by and says nothing.

I wish, I wish, but 'tis in vain,
I wish I were but free again,
But free again I'll never be,
Till apples grow on an orange tree.

There is a bird on yonder tree,

They say it's blind and cannot see,
I wish it had been the same with me,
Before my false love I did see.

## Jack Hall





Oh, my name it is Jack Hall,
Chimney sweep, chimney sweep.
Oh my name it is Jack Hall,
Chimney sweep.
My name it is Jack Hall
And I've robbed from great and small,
And now I pay for all
With my life.

Oh, I furnished all my rooms,

That's no joke, that's no joke,
Oh, I furnished all my rooms,

That's no joke.
I furnished all my rooms
With black brushes and birch brooms,
Beside a chimney pot

Which I stole.

I sold candles in the jail
Short o' weight, short o' weight,
I sold candles in the jail
Short o' weight.
The candles which I sold
Now do light me to the hold
Where I lie in fetters cold
Till I die.

And I go up Holborn Hill
In a cart, in a cart,
And I go up Holborn Hill
In a cart.
I go up Holborn Hill,
At St. Giles drink my fill,
And at Tyburn turnpike
There we part.

Jack Hall was a notorious burglar. He was sold when a child to a chimney sweep for a guinea, and executed in the first year of the 18th century. In the fifties of the last century a singer named Ross sang a version of the above named "Sam Hall," but with a very blasphemous chorus. This drew a big audience of a certain kind.

### Green Bushes





As I was a-walking one morning in May,
To hear the birds whistle and see the lambs play;
I spied a young damsel, so sweetly sang she,
Down by the green bushes where she chanced to meet me.

I stepped up to her and thus I did say,
"How far are you going to wander this way?"
"I'm in search of my true love," the damsel said she,
"Down by the green bushes, where he vowed to meet me."

"I'll buy you fine beavers and fine silken gowns,
I'll buy you fine petticoats, flounced down to the ground,
If you will prove loyal and constant to me,
Forsake your own true love and marry with me."

"I want not your beavers, nor none of your hose, I am not so poor as to marry for clothes, But if you'll prove constant and true unto me, I'll forsake my own true love and marry with thee."

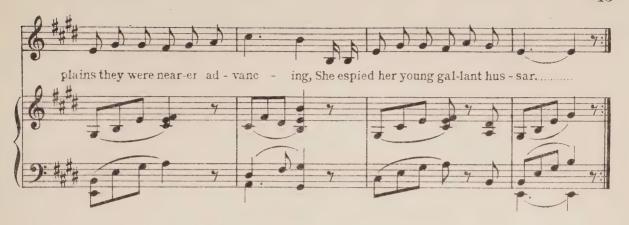
"Come, let us be going, kind sir, if you please,
Come, let us be going from under these trees,
For yonder he's coming, my true love I see,
Down by the green bushes, where he thinks to meet me?"

But when he got there, and found she was gone, He stood like a lambkin that was all forlorn, "She's gone with some other and forsaken me, Adieu the green bushes for ever," said he.

"I'll be like some schoolboys, my time spent in play, I'll never again be led foolish away,
And false-hearted girls shall deceive me no more,
Adieu the green bushes—it's time to give o'er."

### The Gallant Hussar





A damsel possessed of great beauty,
She stood by her own father's gate,
The gallant hussars were on duty,
To view them this maiden did wait.

Their horses were capering and prancing,
Their accoutrements shone like a star,
From the plains they were nearer advancing,
She espied her young gallant Hussar.

Their pelisses were slung o'er their shoulders, So careless they seem'd for to ride; So warlike appear'd those young soldiers, With glittering swords by their sides.

To the barracks next morning so early,
This damsel she went in her car,
Because that she loved him sincerely,
Young Edward the gallant Hussar.

Said Edward, "Your friends you must mind them Or else you're for ever undone, They will leave you no portion behind them, So pray do my company shun.

She said, "If you will be true-hearted,
I have gold of my uncle's in store,
From this time we'll never be parted,
I will wed with my gallant Hussar."

As he gaz'd on each beautiful feature,

The tears they did fall from each eye,

"I will wed with this beautiful creature,

To forsake cruel war," he did cry.

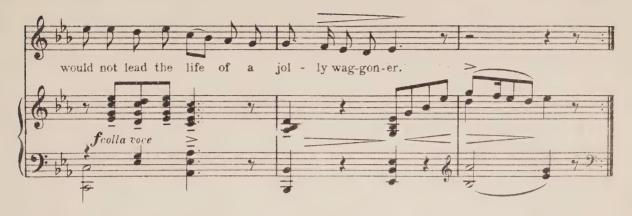
So now they're united together,
Friends think of them now they're afar,
Crying, "Heaven bless them now they're mated,
Young Jane and her gallant Hussar."

# The Warbling Waggoner

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When first I went a-waggoning,
A-waggoning did go,
I filled my parent's hearts
Full of sorrow, grief and woe.
And many were the hardships
That I did undergo.
Sing woa my lads, sing woa,
Drive on my lads I.O;
Who would not lead the life of a jolly waggoner.

It is a dark and stormy night,
And I'm wet to the skin,
But I'll bear it with contentment,
Till I get to the Inn.
And there I will sit drinking
With the landlord and his friends.
Sing woa my lads, sing woa,
Drive on my lads I.O;
Who would not lead the life of a jolly waggoner.

Now summer is a-coming,
And what pleasures we shall see.
The small birds they are singing,
High up on every tree.
The blackbirds and the thrushes
Are whistling in the grove.
Sing woa my lads, sing woa,
Drive on my lads I.O;
Who would not lead the life of a jolly waggoner.

When Michaelmas has come to us,
What pleasure we shall find.

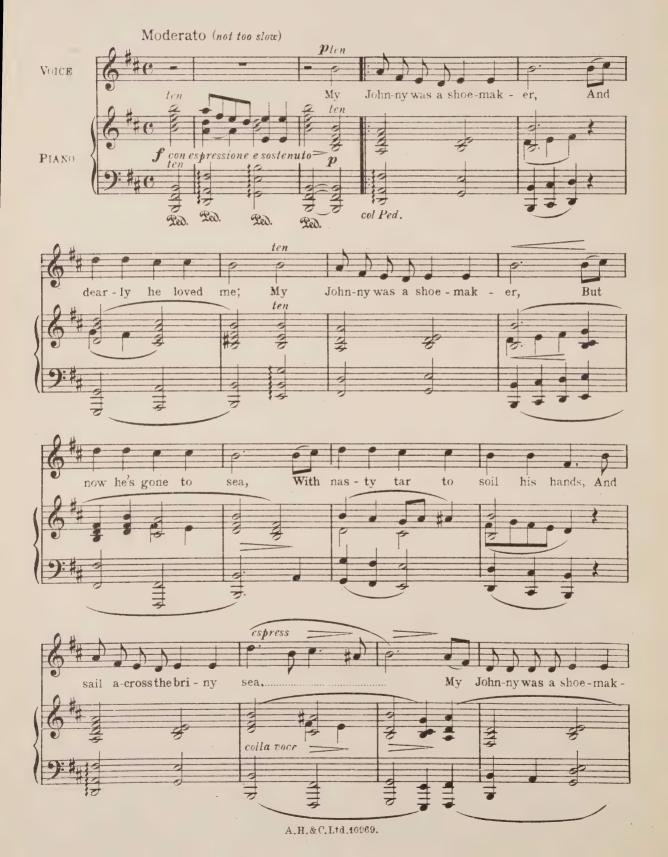
I will make the gold to fly boys,
Like chaff before the wind,
And every lad will take his lass,
To sit upon his knee.

Sing woa my lads, sing woa,
Drive on my lads I.O;
Who would not lead the life of a jolly waggoner.

### My Johnny was a Shoemaker

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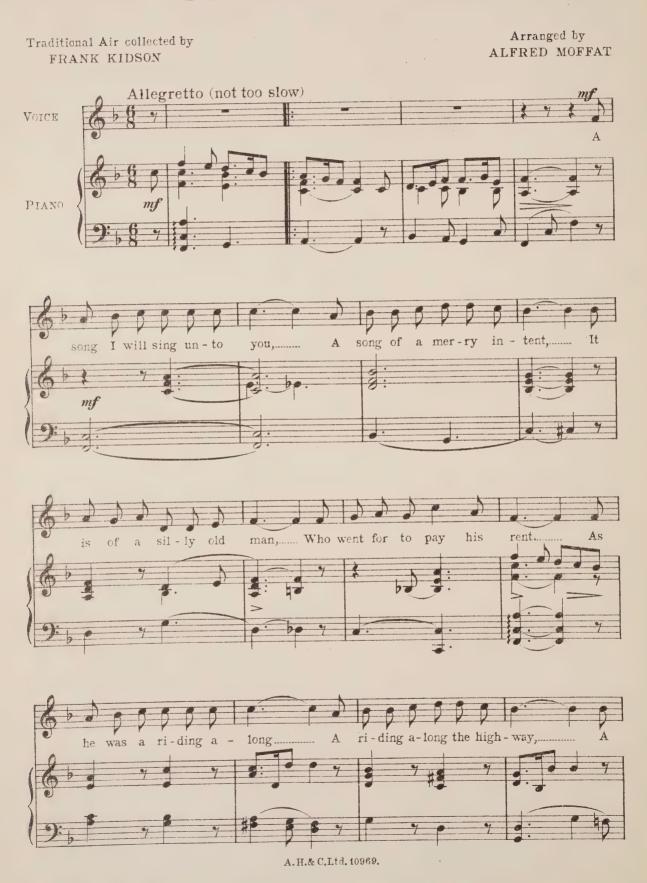
My Johnny was a shoemaker,
And dearly he loved me;
My Johnny was a shoemaker,
But now he's gone to sea,
With nasty tar to soil his hands,
And sail across the briny sea.
My Johnny was a shoemaker.

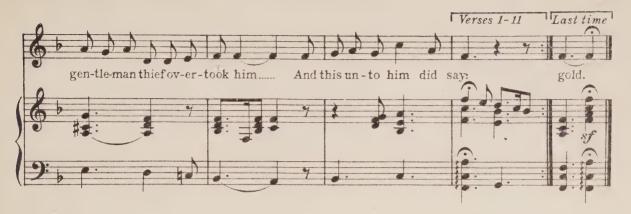
His jacket was of deep sky blue
And curly was his hair,
His jacket was of deep sky blue,
It was I do declare.
To reef the topsails he has gone
To sail across the briny sea.
My Johnny was a shoemaker.

A Captain he'll be bye and bye,
With sword and spy-glass too;
A Captain he'll be bye and bye,
With a brave and gallant crew.
And when he gets a ship of his own
He'll come back and marry me.
My Johnny was a shoemaker.

And when I am a Captain's wife
I'll sing the whole day long;
Yes when I am a Captain's wife
And this will be my song,
May peace and plenty bless our days
And the little ones on my knee.
My Johnny was a shoemaker.

### The Yorkshire Farmer





A song I will sing unto you,

A song of a merry intent,

It is of a silly old man

Who went for to pay his rent.

As he was a-riding along,
A-riding along the highway,
A gentleman thief overtook him
And this unto him did say:

"How far are you going on this way?"

It made the old man for to smile,
"To tell you the truth kind Sir
I just am a-going two mile.

"I'm but a poor silly old man
Who farms a good piece of ground,
My half years rent, kind Sir,
It just comes to forty odd pound.

"But oh never mind," said the farmer,

"I do not fear thieves on my side,
My money is put in two bags,

And hid in the saddle I ride.

As they were riding along,
A-riding all down a steep gyll,
The thief pulled out a pistol
And bade the old man stand still.

The old man was crafty and false,
As in this wide world there are many,
His saddle he threw over t' hedge,
Said, "Fetch it if thou wilt have any."

The thief he got off his brown horse,
His courage was stout and was bold,
To search for the farmer's two bags,
He gave him his horse to hold.

The farmer put foot in the stirrup,
When once he had got him astride
He set the thief's horse in a gallop,
You need not have bid him to ride.

The thief he was not content,

He thought he must have the two bags,
So he took out his rusty old sword,

And chopped the old saddle to rags.

The old man he galloped and rode
Until he was almost quite spent,
He came to his landlord's great house,
And paid him his half year's rent.

The rogue's portmantle he opened,

It was most glorious for to hehold,

There was five hundred pounds in white money,

And other five hundred in gold.

### The cottage well thatched with straw



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In the days of yore, he sat at his door,
An old farmer, and thus quoth he,
"With my pipe and my glass I wish all the world
Were just as happy as me.
I envy no being that ever I've seen,
Nor the richest that ever I saw,
With my home brewed, brown bread,
And my cottage well thatched with straw.

Chorus. And my cottage well thatched with straw,
And my cottage well thatched with straw,
With my home brewed, brown bread,
And my cottage well thatched with straw.

Neither ragged nor poor I drive from my door,
I give them a crust of my brown,
Likewise a drain of my home brewed beer,
To wash all their sad sorrows down.
My neighbours are friends, no quarrels have I,
So safely I keep from the law,
I've home brewed, brown bread,
And my cottage well thatched with straw.

Chorus. And my cottage, &c.

'Twas my father who got this neat little cot,
And I'll tell you the reason now,
He was honest and true and that you must do
If you want to be trusted, I trow.
Said my worthy old Dad, "Take this money, my lad,
Mind you keep from the usurer's claw,
With your home brewed, brown bread,
And your cottage well thatched with straw."

Chorus. And my cottage, &c.

And so I sit at my door, neither wealthy nor poor,
And chat with my neighbours who call,
There's a glass of good ale I never do fail
To give welcome to one and to all.
There is wheat in my stack for I never do lack
Twenty loads from the fields for to draw,
I've home brewed, brown bread,
And my cottage well thatched with straw.

Chorus. And my cottage, &c.

### The Shamrock Shore

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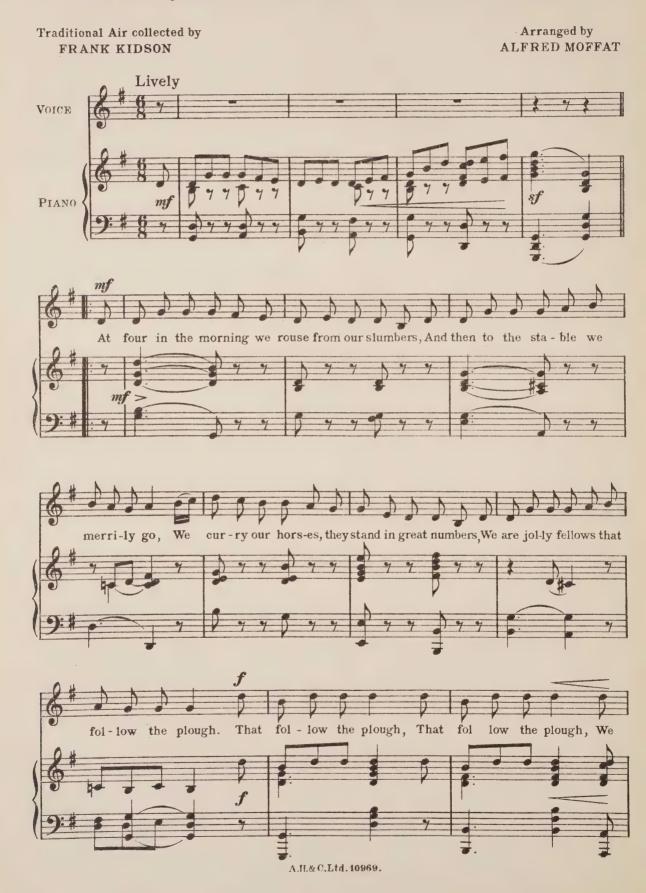


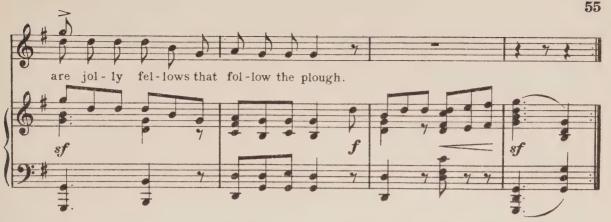
Farewell dear Erin's native isle,
For here I cannot stay,
As I do intend to cross the sea,
Bound for America.
To leave the land that gave me birth
It grieves my heart full sore,
Then fare ye well, my loving friends,
Around the Shamrock Shore.

Our ship she lies at anchor, boys,
Now ready for to sail
May heaven send the vessel safe
With sweet and pleasant gale.
And when I'm on the ocean, boys,
You'll all be in my mind,
Then fare ye well, old Ireland,
And all I've left behind.

The tears roll freely from my eyes,
My heart's oppressed with woe,
To think I leave old Erin's isle
And am compelled to go.
So all ye friends be not afraid
I'll do what e'er I can.
And looking round I waved my hand
Adieu old Ireland.

## We are jolly fellows that follow the plough





At four in the morning we rouse from our slumbers, And then to the stable we merrily go; We curry our horses, they stand in great numbers, We are jolly fellows that follow the plough. Chorus That follow the plough That follow the plough We are jolly fellows that follow the plough.

When six o'clock comes then breakfast is ready, And welcome it is, I certainly vow, We bacon and bread eat and go at it steady. For we're jolly fellows that follow the plough. Chorus That follow, &c.

We harness our horses and go to the fields then, And plough our deep furrows all in a straight row; A plentiful harvest in time they will yield then, All thanks to the fellows that follow the plough. Chorus That follow, &c.

When wheat has sprung rarely and acres of barley, Our master's red face is all in a bright glow, "You've done your work well, boys, its easy to tell, You are jolly fellows that follow the plough. Chorus That follow, &c.

And when in the evening we've finished our labours, Then here in the alehouse our pipes are lit now; With mugs full of ale we pledge all our neighbours, For they're jolly fellows that follow the plough. That follow, &c. Chorus

### The Banks of Sweet Primroses



As I walked out one summer morning

To view the fields and to take the air,

Down by the banks of the sweet primroses,

There I beheld a lovely fair.

I said "Fair maid where do you wander,
What is the cause of all your grief?
I'll make you as happy as any lady,
And I will grant you great relief."

"Stand off, stand off you're quite deceitful,
You've been a false young man'tis plain;
'Tis you that caused my heart to wander
And been the cause of all my pain."

"I'll go down to some lonesome valley,

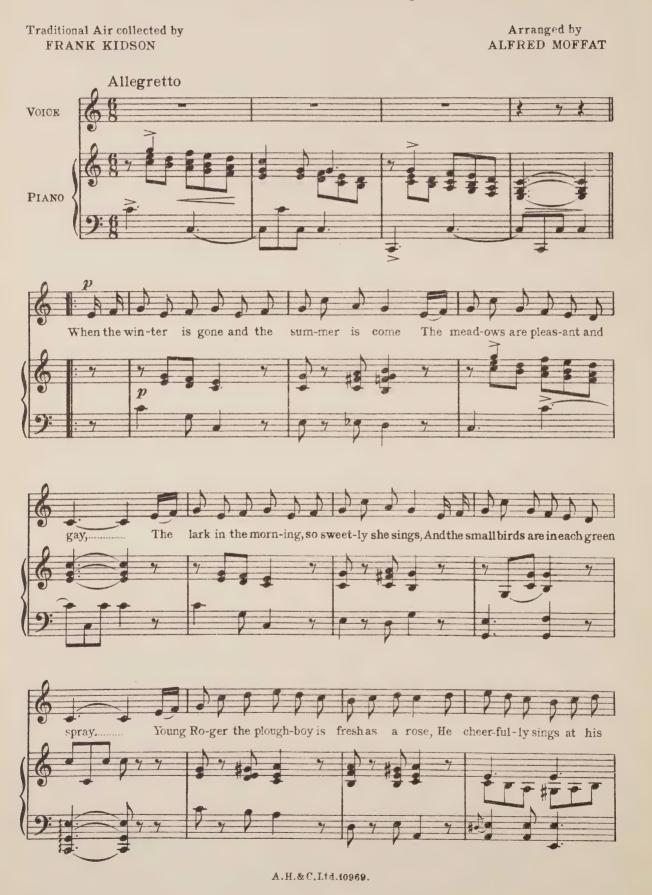
No man on earth shall e'er me find,

Where pretty birds shall cease their voices,

And boist'rous shall be every wind."

Come all young men that go a-courting,
Pray pay attention to what I say;
There's many a dark and cloudy morning
Turns out to be a sunshiny day.

# The Queen of May





When the winter is gone and summer is come
The meadows are pleasant and gay,
The lark in the morning so sweetly she sings,
And the small birds are on each green spray.
Young Roger the ploughboy is fresh as a rose,
He cheerfully sings at his plough.
The blackbirds and thrushes sing in the green grove,
And the dairy maid milks her sleek cow.

As I walked through the fields to take the fresh air
The flowers were blooming and gay.

I heard a young damsel come singing along,
And her cheeks were like blossoms in May.

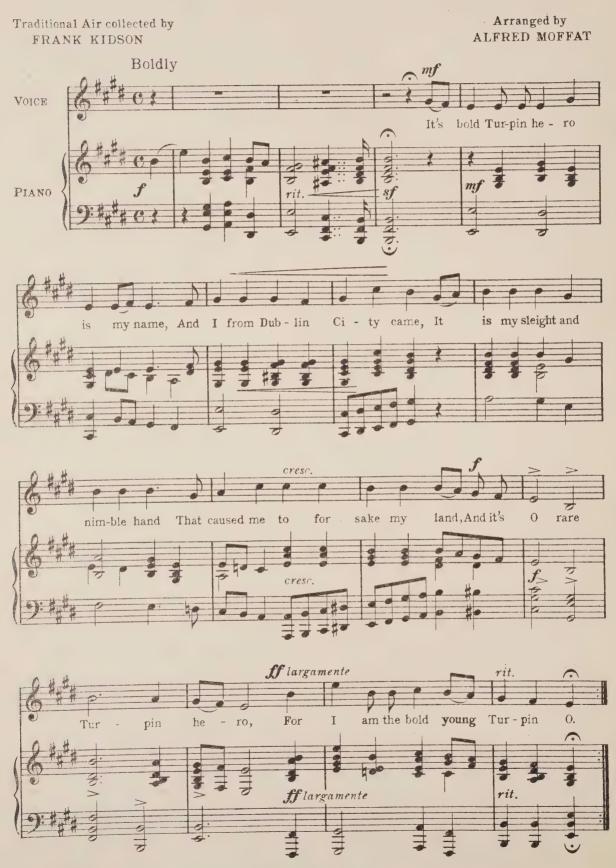
I said, "Pretty maid, why do you come here
In the meadow this morning so soon?"

The maid she replied, "To gather some May,
For the trees they are all in full bloom."

I said, "Pretty maid, may I go with you,
To help you to gather your May?"
But the maid she replied, "I must be excused,
For I fear you will lead me astray."
Then took I this maid by the lily-white hand,
On a green mossy bank we sat down,
I planted a kiss on her sweet rosy lips,
And the small birds were singing around.

And when we arose from the green mossy bank,
Through the meadows we wandered away,
I placed my fair love on a primrose bank,
And plucked her a handful of May.
I put a small sprig on her snowy white breast,
She smiled and she looked up so gay,
The very next morning I made her my bride,
And they crowned her the sweet Queen of May.

## Turpin Hero



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It's bold Turpin hero is my name,
And I from Dublin city came,
It is my sleight and nimble hand
That caused me to forsake my land.
And it's 0 rare Turpin hero,
For I am the bold young Turpin 0.

As I crossed over Hounslow Moor
I saw a lawyer riding before.

Irode to him and thus did say,
"Have you seen Turpin on this way?"

And it's O rare Turpin hero,
For I am the bold young Turpin O.

Then Turpin being so very cute,

"I've hid my money in my boot."

"Faith," said the lawyer, "none shall find,

For I'll hide mine in my cape behind."

And it's O rare Turpin hero,

For I am the bold young Turpin O.

They rode till they came to the powder mill,

When he bid the lawyer to stand still,

"That cape of yours you must leave off,

My mare she want a saddle cloth."

And it's 0 rare Turpin hero,

For I am the bold young Turpin 0.

'O now I've robbed you of your store,
You may go to law and rob some more,
And if my name in question bring,
You may say you've been robbed by bold Turpin.
And it's O rare Turpin hero,
For I am the bold young Turpin O.

#### The Deserter

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When first I deserted I thought myself free,
Until my false comrade informéd on me;
They followed me quickly and brought me to doom,
Heavy ironed and handcuffed within the guard-room.

Court martial, court martial they held upon me, And sentenced me lashes three hundred and three. No mercy, no mercy they showed upon me, The soldier's stern duty lies heavy on me.

When next I deserted I thought I was free, Until my false sweetheart informéd on me. They sentenced me quickly, I was to be shot, No pardon, no pardon was then to be got.

Then up drove King George in his carriage and six,
"Bring out your bold prisoner whose doom it is fixed.
Release him, release him and let him go free,
For he'll make a gallant soldier for his King and country!"

#### Ground for the floor

Arranged by Traditional Air collected by FRANK KIDSON ALFRED MOFFAT Moderato lived a wood num-ber of years, My dog drove all sor-row, my gundrove all fears. neat lit-tle cot-tage and the roof is se-cure, If you look un-derneath it you'll find

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I lived in a wood for a number of years, My dog drove all sorrow, my gun drove all fears. I've a neat little cottage and the roof is secure, If you look underneath it you'll find ground for the floor.

Ground for the floor, ground for the floor, If you look underneath it you'll find ground for the floor.

My cot is surrounded by green leafy trees, And pleasant the hum from the straw hive of bees. My purse holds a guinea and I've got plenty more, I've a neat little cottage but ground for the floor.

Ground for the floor, &c.

My bed's made of straw when I want to repose, And shabby though neat is my one suit of clothes. My Dad left me riches piled up in great store, My neat little cottage has ground for the floor.

Ground for the floor, &c.

My wants are but simple, I've honey and milk, I'm happy as those who dress fine in silk. Though I haven't their riches surely I am not poor, I've a neat little cottage with ground for the floor.

Ground for the floor, &c.

#### Three Pretty Maids



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'Twas three pretty maids walk'd out one afternoon,
A'gathering roses, for they were in full bloom;
And one she plucked so many flowers before she did return,
That she carried home an apron full of roses.

And passing came a youth who took her by the hand,
And kissed her pretty mouth as together they did stand,
With trusting eyes she looked on him and at his bold demand
She gave him all the roses she had gathered.

Oh the rose is dainty white, and the rose is dainty red,
But if too rudely handled its beauty soon is fled,
For its sweetness passes from it and its leaves are quickly shed,
And then, alas, there's nothing but the thorn left.

## Drink Old England Dry

Traditional Air collected by Arranged by FRANK KIDSON. ALFRED MOFFAT Alla marcia PIANO poco rit. Ted. \* ne - ver give o'er, Come, drink up your cares, The French they are com - ing their fortune for to

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Come drink my brave boys and never give o'er,
Come drink up your cares as I told you before.
The French they are coming their fortune for to try,
And swear they will drink Old England dry,
Dry, boys, dry, they swear they will drink Old England dry.

Then up starts an Officer of credit and renown,
Who swore he would fight for his country and the Crown.
The cannon they shall rattle and the bullets they shall fly,
Before that they shall drink Old England dry,
Dry, boys, dry, before they shall drink Old England dry.

If we chance for to meet them with their ships upon the seas, I'll warrant you my boys they shall have but little ease. For we'll take them or sink them or cause them to fly, Before they shall come to drink Old England dry, Dry, doys, dry, before they shall drink Old England dry.

Old England is loyal as well we understand,
We have raised the bold Militia as well as the train band.
With a strong resolution King George to stand by,
Before they shall come to drink Old England dry,
Dry, boys, dry, before they shall drink Old England dry.

So here's a good health to the Church and King and Crown, And all loyal subjects that pull the French men down.

King George's loyal subjects will fight until they die,

Before they shall drink Old England dry,

Dry, boys, dry, before they shall drink Old England dry.

#### Tobacco

Traditional Air collected by FRANK KIDSON

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Tobacco is an Indian weed,
Grows green in the morn, is cut down at eve.
It shows our decay,
We come from the clay,
Think of this when you smoke tobacco.

The pipe that is so lily-white,
In which most men take great delight,
Is broke with a touch,
Man's life is such,
Think of this when you smoke tobacco.

The pipe that is so foul within,

It shows mens souls are stained with sin,

For it doth require,

To be cleansed with fire,

Think of this when you smoke tobacco.

The smoke that from the pipe doth fly,

Shows that we're naught but vanity,

It's gone with a puff,

Mens lives are such,

Think of this when you smoke tobacco.

The dust that from the pipe doth fall,

It shows we're naught but dust at all,

We came from the dust,

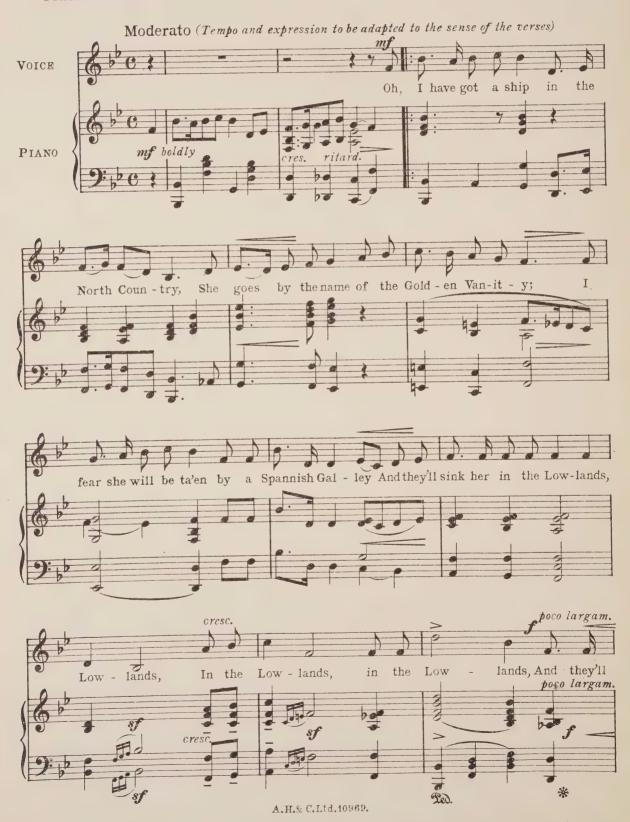
Return we must,

Think of this when you smoke tobacco.

#### The Golden Vanity

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Oh, I have got a ship in the North Country,
She goes by the name of the Golden Vanity,
I fear she will be ta'en by a Spanish Galley,
And they'll sink her in the Lowlands, Lowlands,
In the Lowlands, in the Lowlands,
And they'll sink her in the Lowlands low.

Oh, then up and starts our little cabin boy,
"What will you give me if I the ship destroy?"
"Oh I will give you silver and I will give you gold,
If you'll sink her in the Lowlands low."

Undaunted and hold, away the boy jumped in, The boy bent his breast and most gallantly did swim, He swam till he came to the Spanish Galley As she lay in the Lowlands low.

The boy had an auger that bored two holes at once, Some were playing cards and some were playing dice, He let in the water and it dazzled in their eyes, And he sunk them in the Lowlands low.

The boy bent his breast and to the ship he swam Saying, "Master, take me up or surely drowned I am, For I have effected their total overthrow And I've sunk them in the Lowlands low?"

"I'll not take you up," the cruel captain cried,
"I will not take you up, you may go down with the tide,
I will kill you, I will shoot you, e're you shall come on board,
I will sink you in the Lowlands low."

The boy then he swam all on the starboard side, Until his strength it failed, and bitterly he cried, Saying, "Messmates, take me up or surely I'll be slain, For I've sunk them in the Lowlands low."

His Messmates took him up, but on the deck he died. Oh then they sewed him up into an old cow's hide, And overboard they threw him to go down with the tide, And they sunk him in the Lowlands low.

The above ballad is a favourite with sailors, and it has many different tunes. It is founded on a 17th century ballad with the following title: "Sir Walter Raleigh sailing in the Lowlands, showing how the famous ship called the Sweet Trinity was taken by a false galley, and how it was restored by the craft of a little sea boy, who sunk the galley, as the following song will declare, to the tune "The sailing in the Lowlands."

#### Barbara Allen





In Reading town there I was born, In Scotland was my dwelling; I courted there a pretty maid, Her name was Barbara Allen.

I courted her for months and years, Thinking that I should gain her; And oft I vowed and did declare, No other man should have her,

I sent a man to yonder town,
To ask for Barbara Allen;
"You must come to my master's house,
If you be Barbara Allen."

So slowly she put on her clothes, So slowly she came to him; And when she came to his bedside, "Young man," she said "You're dying."

"If you look under my pillow, You'll find a napkin lying, And it is soaked with my heart's blood, For love of Barbara Allen." He put his hand right out of bed, Thinking to draw her nigh him. She whipped her heels, away she ran, And staightway she passed him by.

He turned his face unto the wall And death came slowly to him, Adieu, adieu, to all my friends Farewell to Barbara Allen.

And as she walked across the field And heard his death bell tolling, And every toll, it seemed to say, Hard hearted Barbara Allen.

Oh mother dear, make me my bed. And make it for my sorrow, A young man died for me to-day, I'll die for him to-morrow.

So he did die on one good day, And she died on the morrow, Oh, he did die for love of her, And she did die for sorrow.

# The Peelers and the Pig

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A bunch of peelers went out one day
On duty for patrolling, O.
A pig they met upon the way
That on the road was rolling, O.
Says one "This is the clearest case
This pigs the road obstructed, O.
Let's take it to that lock-up place
For vagrant beasts constructed, O."

The pig roamed up and down the street
With ears erected saliently,
Upon the beast with silent feet
They all advanced most valiantly.
"Move on!" in solemn tones they cried,
"Your habitation is the stye,
Your occupation to provide
The rasher and the porcine pie."

With many a loud insulting grunt
The laws coercion it defied,
In following the piggish hunt
The peelers' legs were sorely tried.
At last at Murphy's yard it paused
And thought to join its usual stye,
A fatal pause - for thus it caused
Its capture with a joyful cry.

And so this very wicked swine
Was led in a triumphant course,
And Murphy in default of fine
Surrenderd piggy to the Force.
And round the station's glowing grate
Each other's ribs in joy they dig,
And laugh with glee while they relate
Their triumph over Murphy's pig.

The lively air belongs to an old song called "The peelers and the goat," ridiculing the Irish Police when first established. Instead of the original song with its political allusions I have ventured to write the above retaining the first two original lines.

## Young Roger the Ploughboy



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Young Roger the ploughboy a crafty young swain, As he went a-whistling over the plain, He met black ey'd Susan with cheeks cherry red, And she was a-walking, a pail on her head.

He said, "Lovely fair one, I've met you this time, I've a question to ask if you'll not decline, If you will to-morrow go off to the Fair, I'll buy you a ribbon to tie up your hair."

"To touch me or tease me 'tis more than you dare, I want not your ribbons to tie up my hair," At last pretty Susan, she gave her consent, And off to the Fair they both of them went.

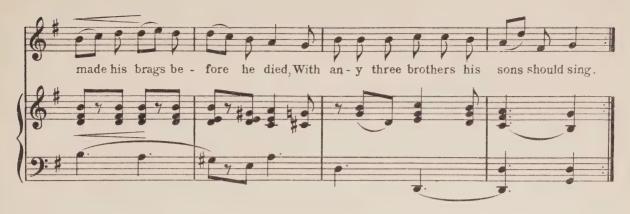
They walked and they rambled about the Fair ground, And plenty of fun pretty Susan she found, They'd much for to please them this happy young pair, And he bought her a ribbon to tie up her hair.

This handsome young couple soon after were wed, And Roger was kind to his Susan'twas said, They both of them laughed at the fun of the Fair When he bought a ribbon to tie up her hair.

# George Ridler's Oven

Traditional Air collected by Arranged by FRANK KIDSON ALFRED MOFFAT Moderato (not too slow) stones that built George Rid-Ier's oven, Oh, they came from the -ly old man, And his head did grow must commend, And that was for

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The stones that built George Ridler's oven, Oh they came from the Blakeney Quar, And George he was a jolly old man, And his head did grow aboon his hair.

One thing of George Ridler I must commend, And that was for a notable thing, He made his brags before he died, With any three brothers his sons should sing.

There's Dick the treble and Jack the mean, Let every man sing in his own place, And George he was the eldest son And therefore he would sing the bass.

My hostess' maid (they called her Nell) A pretty wench and I loved her well, I loved her well and the reason why, Because she loved my dog and I.

My dog is good to catch a hen, A duck or goose is food for men, When they be sick and like to die, O thither go my dog and I.

My mother told me when I was young If I did follow the good ale pot,
That ale would prove my overthrow,
And I should wear a threadbare coat.

When I have three sixpences under my thumb, Oh, I am welcome wherever I come, But when I have none, oh, then I pass by, 'Tis poverty parts good company.

If I should die as it may hap, My grave should be under the strong beer tap, With folded arm there will I lie, Cheek by jowl my dog and I.

The "bove quaint song is the famous Gloucestershire lyric which used to be sung at all festive functions and special occasions. It is still remembered in Gloucestershire and Berkshire. The above copy of the words are taken from a broadside printed at Bristol and dated 1777. The tune I have noted from a Gloucestershire singer. The five verses at the end are fragments of two 17th century ballads "My dog and I" and Poverty parts good company" which are the songs the sens of George Ridler are supposed to sing.

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### High Germany

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O, cursed be the wars love that ever they began, They've ridded our country of many a bright young man, They've robbed me of my Jemmy, the lad so dear to me, And they've sent him to the wars that's in High Germany.

"O Polly love, O Polly now, the rout it is begun, And we must haste away, for don't you hear the drum? So dress yourself in all your best and go along with me, And I'll take you to the war that's in High Germany.

"Oh, I'll buy you a horse, for my Polly she can ride, And many a weary mile I will march all by your side, We'll drink in every alchouse that ever we pass by, And we'll travel very gaily, my Polly love and I

"O Polly, dearest Polly, pray give to me your hand, And promise you will marry me when we reach old England." "I'll give you my right hand, love, I will not married be, Till you come back from the war that's in High Germany."

# Come all you roving bachelors

Arranged by Traditional Air collected by ALFRED MOFFAT FRANK KIDSON Moderato Come ľď you rov - ing bach that want care - ful in chang - ing For have you be most



Come all you roving bachelors that want to take a wife, I'd have you be most careful in changing of your life; For women they are such wily things they bring you swift to woe, So think well all you bachelors before you further go.

Take my advice, be ruled by me, and single earn your bread, For if by chance you've got a wife you'd better half be dead; For she will let her tongue run on till you are nearly mad, You'll think the day you married her the baddest of the bad.

There was a man all in a cart was going to be hanged,
There came a message from the King that caused the cart to stand:
If he would marry with a wife, oh then he should be free,
And he should never decorate the awful gallows tree.

He pondered long for life is dear to every one alive, But bitter is the cup of him that foolish takes a wife; "The bargain's hard I must admit I find it hard to part, But a wife is not the remedy, so pray drive on the cart."

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There was an old man in the North country,
And his trade was the cutting of broom, green broom;
There was an old man in the North country,
And his trade was the cutting of broom.
He'd a lazy lad Jack for his son,
Who lay in his bed till 'twas noon, bright noon,
Who lay in his bed till 'twas noon.

The Father was vexed, was sorely perplexed, With passion he entered the room, the room; The Father was vexed, was sorely perplexed, With passion he entered the room. He cried, "I will fire the bed!" For you must go gathering broom, green broom. For you must go gathering broom.

Jack lay in his nest still taking his rest,
And valued not what was his doom, his doom;
Jack lay in his nest still taking his rest,
And valued not what was his doom.
The Mother drew near with a stick,
And made him go gather green broom, green broom,
And made him go gather green broom.

Then Jack he arose and he donned his clothes, And away to the woods he went soon, right soon; Then Jack he arose and he donned his clothes, And away to the woods he went soon. 'Twas then that Jack took a sharp knife, And he fell to the cutting of broom, green broom, He fell to the cutting of broom.

Jack followed his trade, he skillfully made
His goods for the sale among grooms, horse grooms;
Jack followed his trade and skillfully made
His goods for the sale among grooms.
He took them all up on his back,
And cried, "Do you want any brooms, good brooms?"
And cried, "Do you want any brooms?"

"I tell you they're good, just brought from the wood, And fitted for sweeping of rooms, of rooms; I tell you they're good, just brought from the wood, And fitted for sweeping of rooms.

Come handle my ware," cried young Jack, You never had better green brooms, green brooms, You never had better green brooms."

"I've got a good trade, more brooms must be made, For sweeping of stables and rooms, and rooms; I've got a good trade, more brooms must be made, For sweeping of stables and rooms.

Therefore I a prentice must have,
To help me in making the brooms, the brooms,
To help me in making the brooms.

#### I designed to say No, but mistook and said Yes

Traditional Air collected by Arranged by ALFRED MOFFAT FRANK KIDSON Allegretto grazioso Voice walk - ing in yon sha - dy grove, Young Co - 1in came and Ted. spoke of his love; pressed me hard - 1y grant him colla voce designed to kiss, but mis -

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As I was a-walking in yon shady grove, Young Colin came after and spoke of his love, He pressed me so hardly to grant him a kiss, I designed to say No, but mistook and said Yes.

Last Valentine's day, Oh my true love he came,
He brought me two lambkins to witness the same,
I frowned on the gift, though it was not amiss,
I designed to say No, but mistook and said Yes.

On Wednesday morn at our Midsummer Fair,
I blushed when I found that Young Colin was there,
He begged I would wed him, so hard did he press,
I designed to say No, but mistook and said Yes.

Now all you young damsels I pray you take care, Should e're your swain ask you his cottage to share, Don't scorn him or flout him or treat him amiss, Nor mistake and say No when you want to say Yes.

### The Wealthy Farmer's Son

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Come all you pretty maidens fair, attend unto my song, While I relate a story that does to love belong; It's of a fair young damsel all in the fields so gay, And there she met her sweetheart, who unto her did say.

"Where are you going fair Nancy, so blithesome and gay? Why is it that you walk alone, come tell to me I pray;" "I'm going unto you river side that's just behind you hill, To gather the sweet flowers, and watch the fishes swim."

"Be not in haste, dear Nancy," the young man he did say,
"For I will bear you company and guard you by the way;
I live by yonder river-side where fishes they do swim,
There you may gather flowers that grow beside the brim?"

"I pray you, sir, excuse me," this maiden did reply,
"I ne'er will walk with any man until the day I die;
I have a sweetheart of my own and he my heart has won,
He lives in yonder cottage, a wealthy farmer's son."

Oh then replies this young man, "Tell me your lover's name, Though I'm in tarry trousers, perhaps I know the same," She said, "His name is William, from him I ne'er will run, A ring he broke in parting, the wealthy farmer's son,"

The ring from out his pocket so quickly then he drew, Said Nancy, "Here's the parting gift, one half I left with you," "It's I've been pressed for sea my dear, and many a battle won, But still your heart could ne'er depart from me, the farmer's son?"

Oh when she heard him say these words, it put her in surprise,
The tears came trickling down her cheeks from out her sparkling eyes,
"Oh soothe your heart, young man, she cries, the battle you have won,
For Hymen's chains shall bind us, me and the farmer's son?"

## 'Twas early, early all in the Spring

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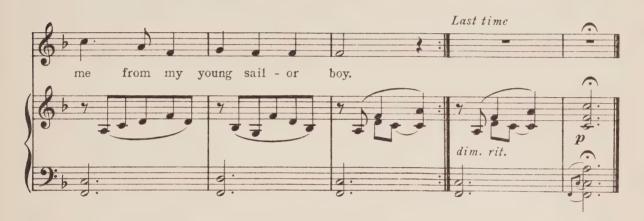
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'Twas early, early all in the Spring,
My love was pressed to serve the King;
The wind blew high and the wind blew low,
Which parted me from my young sailor boy.

Oh father, father, build me a boat,
That on the ocean I may go float;
And each King's ship that I pass by,
I will enquire for my young sailor boy.

She'd not sailed far across the deep, Before a King's ship she did meet; "Come jolly sailors tell me true, Does my love sail along with you?"

"What jacket does your true love wear? What colour is your true love's hair?" "A blue silk jacket bound with twine, His hair is just the colour of mine."

"Oh no fair maid, your love's not here, He has got drowned I greatly fear, For on the ocean as we passed by, 'Twas there we lost a young sailor boy."

Note: With regard to the rhyme of "Boy" and "By," in the 18th century and later, the "O" was then correctly pronounced "I," "Toil" was "Tile," "Oil" was "Ile," "Boy" "By" and so on.

### Jone O' Greenfield's Ramble

Traditional Air collected by Arranged by FRANK KIDSON ALFRED MOFFAT Brightly Said Jone to his wife one hot sum-mer day, I'm resolved that in For I'11 thee well Greenfield and fare thee well Nan, colla voce brave Owd - ham I'll f colla voce

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Said Jone to his wife one hot summer day,
"I'm resolved that in Greenfield no longer I'll stay,
For I'll go to Owdham as fast as I can,
So fare thee well Greenfield and fare thee well Nan,
For a sodger I'll be, brave Owdham I'll see,
And go have a battle wi't French.

"Dear Jone," said his wife, an' hoo bitterly cried,
"Wilt be one o' them foot, or tho' means for to ride?"
"Ods bods, wench, I'll ride either ass or a mule,
Ere I'll cower i' Greenfield as black as the dule,
Both clemming and starving wi' never a fathing,
It would welly soon drive me right mad."

"Ay Jone, sin' we come into Greenfield to dwell,
We've had many bare meals, I can very well tell,"
"Bare meals ye may say, I very well know,
There's been two days i' t'week we've had nowt at a,
I'm very near sided, afore I'll bide it,
I'll fight either Spanish or French."

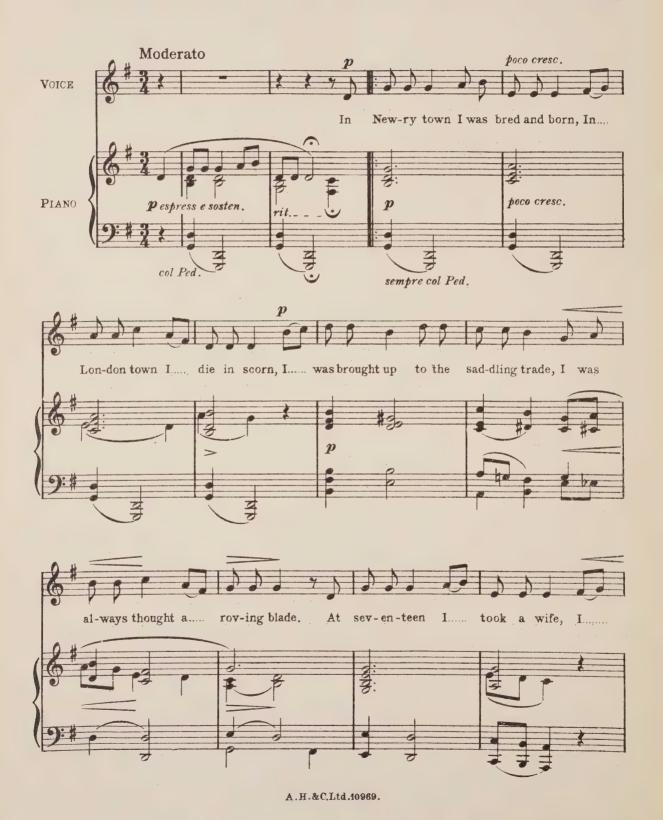
"So fare thee well Greenfield, a sodger I'm made, Ive getten new shoon, and a fancy cockade, I'll fight for old England as hard as I can, Either French, Dutch or Spanish, to me it's all one, I'll make 'em to stare like a new started hare, I'll tell 'em from Owdham I'm come."

Note: This is the most famous of old Lancashire songs, it is a little shortened here and the dialect softened. "Clem" is a pure Lancashire word and means to starve. "Hoo" is another Lancashire word meaning "she. Greenfield is a district not very far from "Owdham" or Oldham. Many Lancashire singers will be glad to see the song with its original tune, sent me by the late Dr. Watson, who enriched Manchester with his valuable musical library.

# The Highwayman

Traditional Air collected by FRANK KIDSON

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In Newry town I was bred and born, In London town I die in scorn, I was brought up to the saddling trade, I was always thought a roving blade.

At seventeen I took a wife, I loved her dearly as my life, And to maintain her both fine and gay, I robbed upon the King's highway.

I robbed Lord Mansfield I do declare, His Lady fair in Grosvenor Square, I gave three cheers; bidding them goodnight, And went to the play in great delight.

Through Covent Garden was my way, I and my girl to see the play, But Fielding's gang did me swift pursue, They took me then, the cursed crew.

I never robbed a poor man yet, Or caused a tradesman for to fret, I robbed the rich, but I served the poor, Which brings me to this dismal door,

When I am dead and for the grave Let me a splendid funeral have, Let none but robbers go with me, Give them I pray their liberty.

# Cupid's Garden

Traditional Air collected by FRANK KIDSON

Arranged by ALFRED MOFFAT





As down in Cupid's garden I chanced for to go,
To view the pretty flowers that in this garden grow,
The first it is the jassamine, the lily and the rose,
That is the sweetest flower that in this garden grows,

I'd not been in that garden the past of half an hour, Before I saw two maidens sitting in a leafy bower. The first was lovely Nancy, so beautiful and fair, The other was a virgin, who did the laurel wear.

I boldly stepped up to her, and unto her did say,
"Are you engaged to any young man, come tell to me I pray"
"I'm not engaged to any young man, I solemnly declare,
For I mean to be a virgin, and still the laurel wear."

When this fair maid had told him the secrets of her mind, The gallant sailor jumped for joy, to hear her speak so kind, Saying, I am blessed for ever how happy I should be If I may have my true love sit smiling on my knee.

It's down in Portsmouth Harbour, our ship lies waiting there, And I must go to sea, love, when ere the wind blows fair, And if my love goes with me, how happy I shall be, If I may have my true love to sit upon my knee.

# The Farmer's Boy





The sun had set behind yon hills,
Across yon dreary moor;
When poor and lame, a boy there came
Up to a farmer's door;
"Can you tell me if here it be
That I can find employ,
To plough and sow, and reap and mow,
And be a farmer's boy?"

"My father is dead, and mother left
With five children, great and small;
And what is worse for mother still,
I'm the oldest of them all.
Though small I'll work as hard as a Turk,
If you'll give me employ,
To plough and sow, and reap and mow
And be a farmer's boy."

"And if that you won't me employ,
One favour I've to ask,
To shelter me, till break of day,
From this cold winter's blast?
At break of day, I'll trudge away
Elsewhere to seek employ,
To plough and sow, and reap and mow
And be a farmer's boy."

"Come, try the lad," the mistress said,
"Let him no further seek;"
"Dear father do!" the daughter cried,
While tears ran down her cheek;
"He'd work if he could, 'tis hard to want food,
And wander for employ,
Don't turn him away, but let him stay,
And be a farmer's boy."

And when the lad became a man, The good old farmer died, And left the lad the farm he had, His daughter for his bride. The lad that was, the farm now has, Oft smiles, and thinks with joy, Of the lucky day he came that way, To be a farmer's boy.

The pretty pastoral, "The farmer's boy," is known in every district in England, and is set to many different tunes. The present air is from Driffield in Yorkshire, and the song was sung to it some fifty or sixty years ago.



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When I was young and scarce eighteen, I drove a roaring trade,
And oftentimes I fell in love
With many a pretty maid.

A bold press gang surrounded me, Their warrant they did show, And swore that I should go to sea, And face the daring foe.

And so they lugged me to the boat, Oh, how I cursed my fate; 'Twas then I found that I must float On board a ninety-eight.

They weighed the anchor, shook out sail, And off they bore me straight, To watch the foe in storm or gale, On board a ninety-eight. In course of time a fight begun, Our shots we sent out straight, What would I give if I could run From on board a ninety-eight.

So well I did my duty do, I soon got boatswain mate, And very soon got boatswain too, On board the ninety-eight.

To Greenwich College now I come, Because I saved my pate, They only knocked one wing off me, On board a ninety-eight.

So now I can my cocoa take, My pouch with bacca stored, With my blue clothes and three cocked hat, I'm happy as a lord.

I've done my duty, served my King, And now I bless my fate, But surely I'm too old to sing, I'm nearly ninety-eight.

# The Saucy Ploughboy

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Come all you pretty maidens,
And listen unto me,
Will you wed a saucy ploughboy
Whose heart is light and free?
For the ploughboys they are merry lads,
To the fields they haste away,
While the pretty maids are milking,
Or making of sweet hay.

I rise up in the morning
And trip along with joy,
While the lark and thrush are singing,
I'm a saucy ploughing boy.
The lambs how they are sporting,
And we will kiss and toy,
I've silver in my pocket,
I'm a saucy ploughing boy.

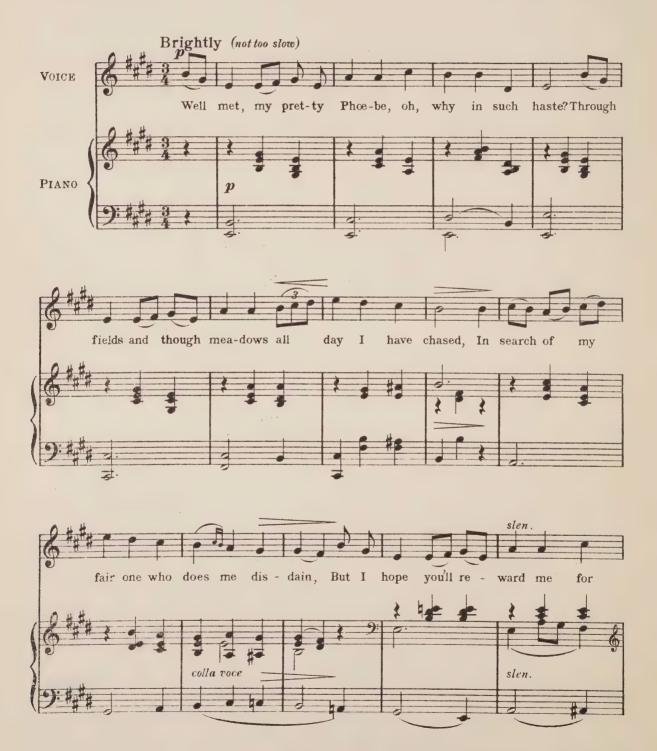
I'm kind and I'm free hearted,
No lass shall me annoy,
I am frolicsome and easy
A saucy farmer's boy.
They love me to be dancing,
They're jovial and free,
Come along you saucy ploughboy,
No other lad for me.

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#### Colin and Phoebe

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"Well met, my pretty Phoebe, oh, why in such haste?
Through fields and through meadows all day I have chased,
In search of my fair one who does me disdain,
But I hope she'll reward me for all my past pain."

"Go,go, boldest Colin, how dare you be seen With a maiden like me who is scarcely sixteen? To be seen all alone with you I am afraid, No longer I'd pass for a modest young maid."

"Ne'er mind what the world says, 'twill all prove a lie, We are not now alone for you cottage is by,
They may judge of our actions, so drive away fear,
No harm is intended to Phoebe my dear."

"Oh, stay gentle shepherd, a few moments stay,
I'll venture to yield if you mean what you say,
Let to-morrow first come and at church you will find
The girl you thought cruel prove constant and kind."

"Oh Phoebe, dear Phoebe, accept of my vow,
I ne'er thought you loved me sincerely till now,
But when in the church your bright eyes do shine,
For ever I'll love you for then you are mine?'

## My Bonny, Bonny Boy

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Oh, I once loved a boy and a bonny, bonny boy, I loved him I vow and protest,
I loved him so well and so very, very well,
That I found him a place in my breast.

It was up the green forest and down the green forest. Like one that was troubled in mind, I halloo'd and I called and I played on the flute, But no bonny boy could I find.

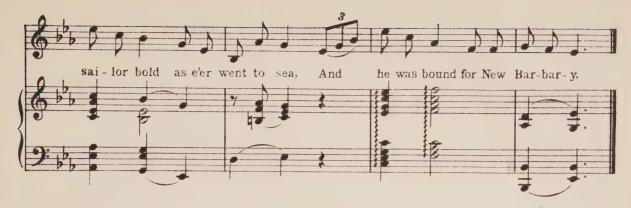
I looked up high, I looked down low,
And the sun it shone wonderful warm,
When who should I see but my own bonny boy,
With another girl clasped in his arm.

Oh, then he took me upon his false knee,
And thought I was at his command,
But I said, "My false lover, you've given your heart,
I know where you've given your hand."

This quaint old song is a traditional survival of a 47th century ballad called "Cupid's Trepan, or up the Green Forest"

# Captain Glen





There was a ship and a ship of fame, Launched off the stocks, bound for the main, With a hundred bold and brisk young men, Well picked and chosen every one.

Oh William Glen was our captain's name, He was a brisk and a tall young man, A sailor bold as e'er went to sea, And he was bound for New Barbary.

One night the Captain he did dream, There came a voice which said to him, "Prepare you and your company, To-morrow night you'll lodge with me!"

This waked the Captain in a fright, Being the third watch of the night, Then for his boatswain he did call, And to him told his secrets all.

"When I in England did remain,"
The Holy Sabbath I did profane,
In drunkeness I took delight,
Which doth my trembling soul affright.

There is one thing more I've to rehearse, Which I shall mention in this verse, A squire I slew in Staffordshire, All for the sake of a lady dear.

Now 'tis his ghost I am afraid, That hath to me such terror made, Although the King doth pardon me, He's daily in my company." They had not sailed a league but three,
Till raging grew the roaring sea,
There rose a tempest in the skies,
Which filled their hearts with great surprise.

Our mainmast sprung by break of day, Which made our rigging all give way, This did our seamen sore affright, The terrors of that fatal night.

The sea did wash both fore and aft, Till scarce one sail on board was left, Our yards were split, our rigging tore, The like was never seen before.

The boatswain then he did declare, The Captain was a murderer, Which did enrage the whole ship's crew, Our Captain overboard they threw.

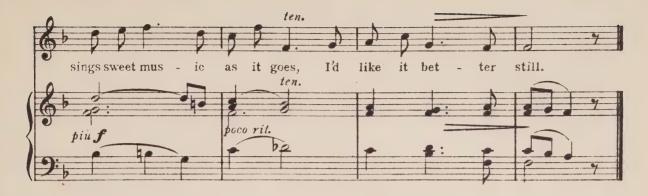
Our wicked Captain being gone, Immediately there was calm, The wind did cease, and the raging sea, As we went to New Barbary.

But when our ship we did repair, To fair England our course did steer, And when we came to London town, Our dismal case was then made known.

Now seamen all where'er you be, I pray a warning take from me, As you love your life still have a care, That you never sail with a murderer.

## The Poor Man's Wish

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Give me a little humble cot,
A bit of garden ground,
Set in some quiet sheltered spot
With leafy trees around.

And if beside my cot there flows A little murmuring rill, That sings sweet music as it goes, I'd like it better still.

Give me a wife that loves me well, With children two or three, With health to sweeten every meal, With hearts brimful of glee.

Give me a chance with honest toil, My efforts to engage, Give me a master who can smile When forking out my wage.

Give me a pipe to smoke at night,
A pint of home brewed ale,
A faithful dog that runs to meet
Me with a wagging tail.

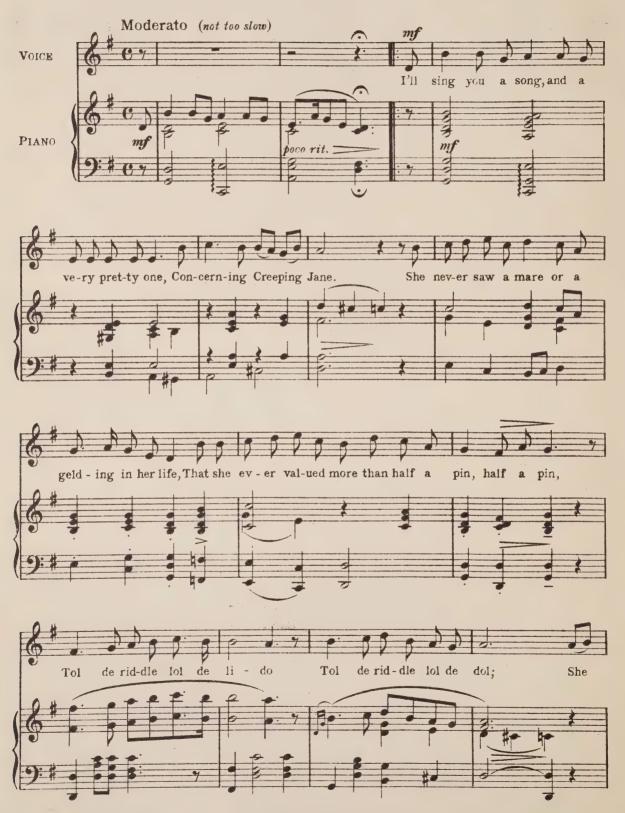
Give me all these and I shall be Content without a doubt,

But if denied— well I must be Content to live without.

# Creeping Jane

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I'll sing you a song and a very pretty one, Concerning Creeping Jane. She never saw a mare or a gelding in her life, That she ever valued more than half a pin.

When first Creeping Jane came on the race course, They viewed her round and round, And all they could say concerning Creeping Jane, Was that she couldn't gallop o'er the ground.

When that she came to the first-mile post, Creeping Jane was far behind, But the rider threw his whip around her pretty neck, And he said my little lady never mind.

When that she came to the second mile post, Creeping Jane was far behind, But the rider threw his whip around her pretty neck, And he said, my little lady, never mind.

When that she came to the third mile post, Creeping Jane looked blithe and smart, On then she lifted up her lily white feet, And she passed the other horses like a dart.

Now Creeping Jane the race she has won, And scarcely sweats one drop, And if she had a mind she could gallop o'er again, While the others they're not able for to trot.

Now Creeping Jane she is dead and gone, Her body's on cold, cold ground, One favour I would ask, from her master I would beg, Her precious little body from the hounds.

## The Sprig of Thyme

Traditional Air collected by Arranged by FRANK KIDSON ALFRED MOFFAT Andante con espressione VOICE Come all you pret-ty fair maids, That That Thyme is the pret-ti-est PIANO espress. I'd have you keep your gar - den clear, And let are just in your prime, grows and seeks the It's Time that brings all things to an end, So Ted. no one steal your now my Thyme runs your Thyme; And let no one steal your Thyme. now my Thyme runs But on Ded. \* of pros had sprig Thyme, pered night once and Thyme is No my room have for now

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Come all you pretty fair maids, That are just in your prime, I'd have you keep your garden clear, And let no one steal your Thyme

I once had a sprig of Thyme, It prospered night and day, By chance there came a false hearted man, And he stole my Thyme away.

Thyme is the prettiest herb,
That grows and seeks the sun,
It's time that brings all things to an end,
So now my Thyme runs on.

But now my Thyme is dead, No room have I for new, For the bush of Thyme I loved so well, Is turned to bitter rue.

# The Knight's Dream

Traditional Air collected by Arranged by FRANK KIDSON ALFRED MOFFAT Moderato VOICE A gal-lant young knight once be -Ted. \* fair - est of earth's fair - est poco slen. to his mind he would seek out and find maid with such beau - ti - ful colla voce Ra. Each day he rode far with his pur - pose in view, But fea



A gallant young Knight once beheld in a dream The fairest of earth's fairest creatures. It came to his mind he would seek out and find A maid with such beautiful features.

Each day he rode far with his purpose in view But found no one like his dream maiden; In the towns he did pass he looked for the lass, And his heart soon with sorrow was laden.

By chance once he rode through a mean lowly street And paused at a door that was open, And when at the door there stood on the floor, A maid, but a lab'ring man's daughter.

"I never have seen you but once in my life, It was in a dream that I saw you, I've thought of your face and dark rolling eyes, And now I am standing before you."

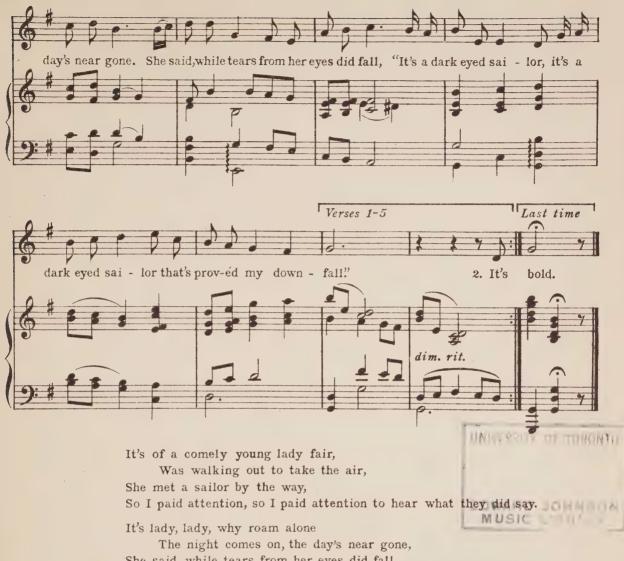
She asked him his name, and from whence that he came, She feared that he'd give her denial. "Although I am poor I will not be a fool, So pray do not put me on trial."

"A fool unto me is what you ne'er shall be, For a lady of honour I'll make you; I've servants at home who on you will wait, I've houses and lands to maintain you.

# Fair Phoebe and her Dark-eyed Sailor



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She said, while tears from her eyes did fall, "It's a dark eyed sailor, it's a dark eyed sailor that's provéd my down fall."

"It's two long years since he left the land,

I took a ring from off my hand,

We broke the token, here's half with me,

The other's rolling, the other's rolling beneath the salt, salt sea."

Said William, "Drive him from all your mind,
Some other sailor soon you'll find,

Love turns aside and cold does grow,

Like winter morning, like winter morning when lands are clothed with snow."

"His coal black eyes and his curly hair,

And pleasing tongue my heart did snare,

Genteel he was, nor rake like you,

To tell a maiden, to tell a maiden to slight a jacket blue?"

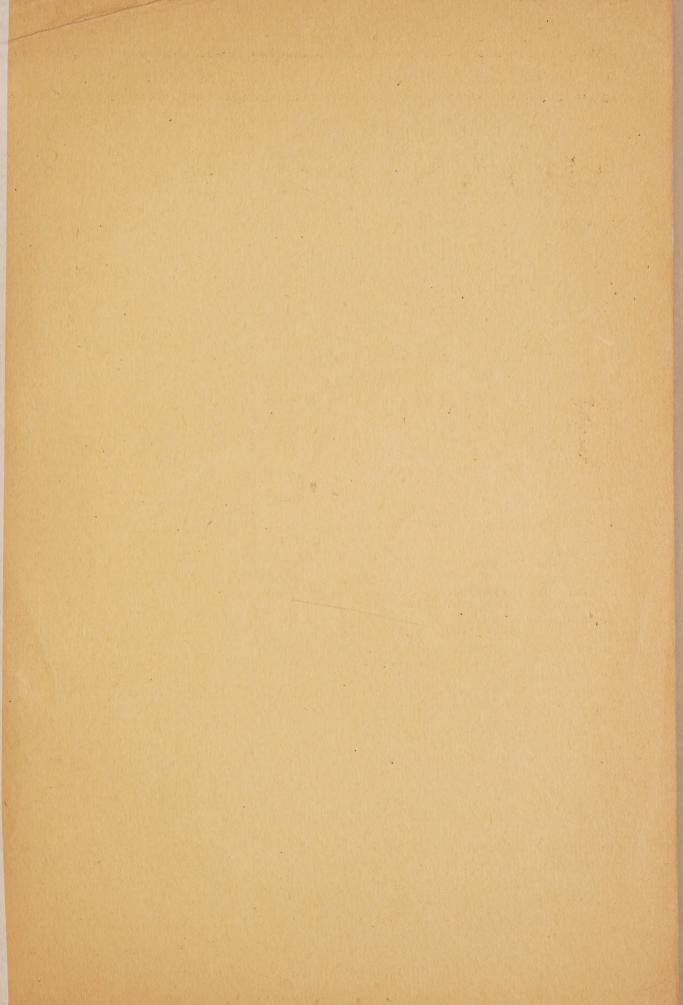
Then half the ring did my William show,

Distracted was with sudden joy,

"Oh welcome, William, I've land and gold

For my dark eyed sailor, for my dark eyed sailor so manly, true and bold,"





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